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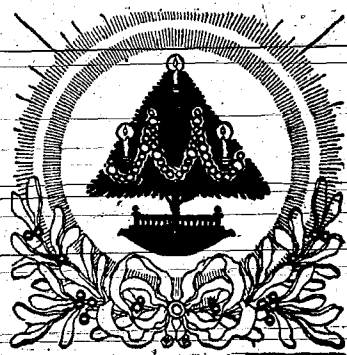
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your holiday supply

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Phone No. 2

## Your Christmas Baking



This task, usually the source of so much anxiety and worry to the good housewife, is robbed of its terrors when you turn for relief to this bakery.

## Quality in Bread

Our bread has no superior. Our hot rolls, pies, cakes, tarts, etc., are a revelation in delicatessen products.

## It's Always the Same

And don't forget that you get the same efficient service the year round.

## Model Bakery and Grocery

THE HOME OF PURITY AND QUALITY

## AUTO DEALERS IN BIG CONVENTION

OVERLAND COMPANY ENTER-  
TAIN DEALERS.

About 7,500 Delegates From All  
States Attend.

The Willys-Overland company of Toledo have been receiving a series of excursion parties, beginning December 2 and continuing to December 21. The parties are made up of Overland dealers.

It has been a big month for the Overland folks, in the way of social features, but through it all, business has been going on just as usual every day.

The excursionists came from all parts of the United States, every state contributing a large quota of representative dealers. Trains of from a dozen to twenty Pullman cars pulled into the big Toledo yards, every day, since December 4th.

The Michigan delegation was dated for December 15 and was represented from Grayling by L. J. Krus and Claude Gilson and also Henry Joseph and Robert Marshall, with O. P. Schumann as an invited guest. The party arrived Friday morning and departed Saturday afternoon, having enjoyed the sights of one of the greatest industrial organizations of America.

Eight years ago, it is said, J. N. Willys began the organization of a company to manufacture autos, having personally about \$7,000 to his credit. The company, of which Mr. Willys is president and largest share holder is capitalized, according to reports at about seventy nine million dollars. That's "going some." The company had a rapid, steady and healthy growth but not without their share of difficulties.

It is said that at one time, more than 30,000 autos were returned to the company, as no good. Capital and brains remedied the mechanical difficulties of the cars and today this company is about to open the 1917 season with the greatest line of cars that has ever been presented to the people of America.

From the plain touring car to the most beautiful Willys-Knight Sedan with its quiet running motor—the Silent Knight, there are fully a dozen or more designs and as large a variety of prices, and the persons who cannot find just the car they are looking for from among their line it seems they would be pretty hard to please.

We are not writing an advertisement for the Overland line and can but incidentally talk "cars" in this article. Like all the Overland visitors at Toledo, the Grayling crowd was royally entertained and learned something of the 1917 line of cars, the plans of the management for the coming season and also of the wonderful magnitude of the Overland factories. They do not make quite as many cars each year as the Ford plant but their volume of business in dollars and cents is far in excess of Ford's.

The clerical department is now occupying a new two million dollar office building. This is complete in every detail and contains an auditorium that seats nearly 1,000 persons and a banquet room seating 800 people very comfortably.

The Simons' Sales company of Saginaw, who are the distributors for this territory, placed an order with the Overland company, while attending this convention, for 2,500 autos for delivery as soon as they are ready.

The big convention that has been steadily in progress since December 2, closes today, Thursday, with delegations from New York, southern Ohio and southern Indiana. It required thirty Pullman trains to bring in the delegations and it is estimated that there were fully 7,500 dealers that visited the Overland plants this month.

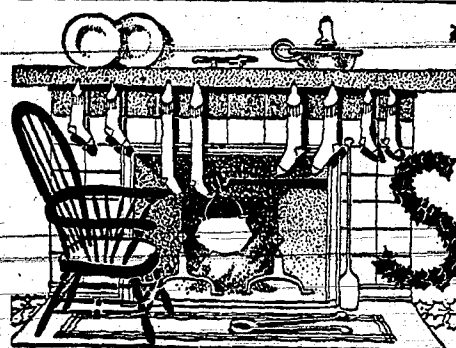
## The Wrong Impression.

"The editor of the Avalanche evidently stands in very low esteem in the eyes of our brother publisher of the Lewiston Journal. Here is what the Journal says: 'Lewiston is slightly disfigured but is still on the map, notwithstanding the fact that the 'Grayling Liar' reports it wiped out.'"

The above item appeared in last week's issue of the Crawford County Avalanche and we wish to state that the item referred to was not meant as a slam at Bro. Schumann, but to the person or persons, who on Nov. 10th, the night of the fire in Lewiston, sent dispatches to the Detroit and Hay City papers greatly exaggerating the loss and stating that Lewiston was practically wiped off the map.

Now, for some reason unknown to us certain parties in Grayling have during the past couple of years, taken great pains to knock Lewiston at any and all times, early and late.

New settlers coming into this locality are told that they are foolish to come in here as the town is dead and the country is no good, and during the summer, tourists coming to Lewiston are told there is no fishing here; both of which statements are absolute falsehoods, as we have more lakes well supplied with fish and are nearer the best streams (excepting the Au Sable river) than is Grayling, and this



## YULETIDE SUGGESTIONS

The time for purchasing your holiday goods is here. You should be buying TODAY, getting the cream of the market at the same low prices that will prevail right down to Christmas eve, when the supply will be almost exhausted. We never change prices. They remain the same to all, until the last article is sold. Hence the wisdom of buying NOW, when you can take your pick of the lot.

These are Only a Few of the Many Good Things We Offer You:

### Dress Goods

The wide range of staple and novelty dress goods in our stock makes suitable selection an easy matter for you.

We can always show the latest weaves and patterns in the popular colors, and can satisfy you both to quality and prices.

### Stylish Waists

Discriminating buyers will find our assortment of Waists complete in every detail—in variety of styles, materials, sizes and colorings.

Creations of lace, crepe de chine, voile, etc., command your attention. You will find attractive designs in embroidered as well as plain patterns—and the prices will please you.

### Dainty Lingerie

For ladies undergarments that combine beauty and daintiness with high quality and low prices our stock is unequalled.

We have an attractive showing of Corset Covers, Chemise, Combination Suits, Petticoats, Nightgowns, etc., of the latest designs and patterns, from which we are sure you can make a suitable selection.

### Gloves for All

—For all members of the family as well as for all occasions—for dress affairs or for street wear.

Our stock comprises the finest silk, and kid gloves—the more moderate priced varieties—cotton gloves and all in the latest colors. Any kind you wish and at reasonable prices.

### White Goods—Linens

How's your stock of napkins and tablecloths? We are offering some excellent values right now in mercerized napkins and bleached tablecloths.

We also have some extra good values in linen and cotton huck towels, bleached Turkish towels, toweling, plain and fancy bed spreads and bleached sheets. It will pay you to see us soon.



### Neckwear

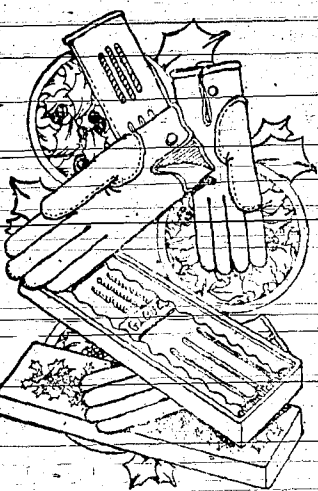
We can show you the same creations in Ladies' Neckwear that you would find in the large city stores.

They include everything from the finest lace to embroidery effects right down to plain white collars. Something stylish at any price you wish to pay.

### Good Hosiery Values

The finest Silk Hosiery and the latest novelty combinations in the popular new shades are now offered here at attractive prices.

Of course we carry the standard guaranteed Cotton Hosiery as well as the serviceable ladies in a variety of weights, colors and sizes. Hosiery for men and women, too.



### House Dresses

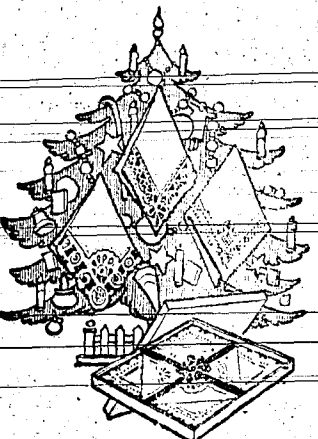
Description cannot do justice to our exceptional values in House Dresses, Kimonos and Aprons. They must be seen to be appreciated.

We have everything in the latest styles—plain colors, checks, stripes, light and dark figures. Materials include gingham, percales, lawns and chambrays—plain or embroidered. And the prices will suit you.

### Handkerchiefs

The desire to buy in dozen lots will occur to all who see our large stock of handkerchiefs for men, women and children.

We have some beautiful patterns in fancy lace effects, as well as the good serviceable plain linens. Also many with border embroidery and initials in white and the various colors.



### Men's Wearing Apparel

We have a handsome line of shirts, collars, underwear, hosiery, neckwear, hats and handkerchiefs, that will please the most particular man or young man. We have these in values ranging from the common work apparel to that for better dress occasions. The quality and price will suit you.

Some of the newest novelties in neckties await your inspection.

### Shoes and Slippers

Our stock of shoes, slippers and other footwear is large. Some of the newest things in style and shades may be found here. Shoes for children as well as grown-ups. Rubber footwear for all purposes.

## EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Dry Goods Store

## BUY YOUR HARDWARE HERE

Why go elsewhere for your hardware when you can get anything you want right here?

Why wait days for your purchase to arrive when you can take it home with you by buying here?

Why buy something unseen when you can see before buying here?

We sell everything in hardware.

We make the prices right.

We guarantee everything we sell you.

**SALLING, HANSEN & CO.**

Hardware Department

mer on us at every opportunity. We believe in "living and let live."—Lewiston Journal.

### PROFIT BY THIS.

#### Don't Waste Another Day.

When you are worried by backache, by lameness and urinary disorders—Don't experiment with an untried medicine.

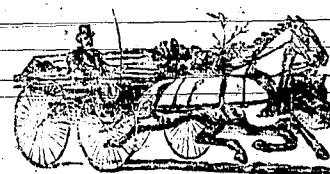
Follow Grayling people's example. Here's Grayling testimony.

Verify it if you wish:

Mrs. George Isenbauer, Peninsular St., Grayling, says: "I had quite a bit of trouble with my back and kidneys. Often my back ached dreadfully then the small of it, until it nearly set me wild. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage, also. I have always found that Doan's Kidney Pills procured at 'Lewis' Drug store, have been sufficient to relieve me of an attack."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Isenbauer uses. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N.Y. adv.

## LIVERY & SALES STABLES



Prompt livery service ready at anytime.

Also heavy work.

Farms and Farm Lands and Village Property For Sale.

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Phone No. 384







## SOLVE BLACK BASS MYSTERY

Frogs Picked in Alcohol, Used for Bait, Muddle Fish and Make Them Easy to Catch.

The big black bass mystery has been solved. It is now just as clear as the water in Long pond. The problem has been in the pickled bait. All summer persons who never caught a fish before in their lives have been bringing in big strings of black bass from Long pond; on the other hand, experienced fishermen have had poor luck, being unable to land more than a two-pound specimen, writes a Pleasant Lake (Mass.) correspondent of the New York Herald.

Further than this, fish have been leaping out of the water onto the beach, turning somersaults and doing other remarkable stunts which ordinary fish are not supposed to do.

It appears that a firm of clothiers of Harwich Center carry a large assortment of fishing tackle as a side line. Their assortment, by the way, includes everything from lead sinkers, five for a penny, to silver-plated reels at \$5 each.

These clothiers also carry—listen carefully—frogs preserved in alcohol! And there has been a big demand for this pickled stuff for bait, according to Horace Atkins, one of the clerks. The would-be sportsmen have bitten at it even better than the bass.

The bait comes in small glass jars. It is said that when a hook is cast overboard baited with one of these delicate alcohol-soaked morsels the fish bump each other in their mad effort to get a bit.

And the sad part of it is, all this time poor, experienced fishermen up in Long pond have been paying high prices for live live shrimp, minnows, crickets, grasshoppers and beetles. The pickled frogs' legs sell for about 35 cents a jar, while the other bait brings a dollar or more a quart.

## AMUSING ERROR OF PRINTER

Letter Heads of Electric Company Made to Read, "United States Electric Lightning Company."

Sir Hiram Maxim, in his recently published autobiography, says that when he organized the United States Electric Lighting company its stationery came from the printer with the head, "The United States Electric Lightning Company." Later, in England, he told of this mistake to emphasize the importance of getting the stationery for his new gun company printed correctly. When the first sheets came to him, however, the English printers had made his concern appear as "The Maxim Gun company."

## Well Answered.

Every small town has its prominent citizen who appears before the city fathers and "talks right out in meeting." Not every town, however, has among its councillors a member with sufficient moral backbone to answer back, as did John Hammer of a Western town whose name is of no consequence. Concluding his arrangement, the prominent citizen hurried this thunderbolt at the board: "I'd sooner put up as a candidate for a lunatic asylum than put up for the town council." "Well, you'd stand a much better chance of getting in," dryly responded Mr. Hammer.

## An India Product.

The origin of the peacock was in India and Ceylon, and this is why we see so frequently the bird on the art objects of these countries. Peacock shooting is still a recognized sport in some parts of India, but its former popularity as a table delicacy has ceased, though the flesh is white and is said to resemble a pheasant in flavor. The eggs are also edible. For the production of the feathers these birds are bred in France, but to a small extent, as they are difficult to rear, because in a big area they wander off and if inclosed within narrow limits they become mischievous.

## The Main Question.

"Clarence," said the American heiress, hesitatingly, "I think that you should be told at once how my father made his money. Our business men in this country have methods which, to one of your pure soul cannot but be repulsive." "Cease, Mamie, cease," said the young lord, reassuringly, "tell me no more. However he made his millions I can forgive for your sake. But—er—has he still got them all right?"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

## Privileged Classes.

A cockney angler, thinking that his Highland boatman was not treating him with the respect due to his station, expostulated thus: "Look here, my good man, you don't seem to grasp who I am. Do you know that my family have been entitled to bear arms for the last 200 years?" "Hoos, that's naething!" was the reply. "My ancestors have been entitled to bare legs for the last 2,000 years."—Youth's Companion.

## A Theory.

"Why are meat and eggs so expensive?" "Possibly," replied the man who thinks it's his duty to answer every question, "because they're among the few articles of food that can't be imitated in a factory."

## The Special Way.

"Talking about ships and men—"

"Well?"

"When opposing ships meet they storm."

"The Battle Cry of Peace," a nine reel photo play will be presented at the Opera House on Christmas day, next Monday. There will be two performances, one a matinee, will commence at 2:30 o'clock, in the afternoon. The evening performance will start at the usual time. The play features as its star, Mr. Chas. Richman. No one should fail to see this. Reserved seats are on sale at the Central Drug store. Prices of admission are 15, 25, and 35 cents.

## COAST 11,511 MILES LONG

Sailors Engaged in Philippine Coastwise Trade Cannot "Get Home to Dinner."

Deep-sea sailors used to laugh at their brother mariners of the coastwise trade, and refer to them as men who "like to go to sea when they could get home to dinner." This gibe would have little point in the Philippines, the coast line of which has been found to measure more than 11,500 miles—to be exact, 11,511 statute miles. In the Philippines there is one mile of coast to every ten miles of area, the total area of the islands being

## HEROES ARE SADLY LACKING

Few Generals Are Mentioned in Stories of Conflict in Europe—Army Is Like Machine.

Most amazing of all the wonderful things about this war is the extremely few names of generals we ever hear about, writes Girard in the Philadelphia Ledger.

One Italian, a couple of English, two or three Frenchmen, four Germans and the same number of Russians, and not one Turk. That makes up the list after two years of fighting and with 25,000,000 soldiers under arms.

The vast armies are moved like ma-

## LIVED UNDER SIX SOVEREIGNS

Aged Resident of New Brunswick Ascribed Long Life to His Activity and Early Retiring.

After posing for his picture on his one hundredth and fifth birthday anniversary, Levi W. Richardson, said to be the oldest man in New Brunswick, died before he had fairly started his one hundredth and sixth year. He had been ill for only about ten days.

Mr. Richardson ascribed his long life and remarkable preservation of his faculties to going to bed early and being active.

## For the Bedroom Desk

An attractive desk set, for either men or women, is made of heavy paper and cretonne.

The desk pad is made of an oblong or heavy colored paper. The pockets at the end are made of the same paper, with a covering of cretonne pasted over it. The cretonne turns over the edges and extends a quarter of an inch on the under side. At the ends of the long pocket it turns over the edge of the pad and is pasted down. Then the pad is glued to a heavy piece of cardboard of the same size.

A blotter is made of the heavy colored paper, covered with cretonne, and blotters are tied to this cover with narrow ribbon. A small round pen-wiper is made in the same way, with the cover tied to circular pieces of flannel by a small bow of ribbon.

No one ever heard of a Christmas when new pin cushions did not arrive to replace old ones and to provide always-needed pins. Very elaborate and pretentious ones, of embroidered net and lace and all sorts of rich ribbons, are made to grace the dressing tables of the ladies, but here are two meant for men. They are selected from a number of small cushions made to hang or stand within easy reach near the mirror that reflects an almost pinless toilet. And they are mere pleasures in pin cushions, which will be looked at if not used, and therefore their cleverness commends them.

At the left—a soft heart of pink satin—provides a resting place for a keeplee soldier boy. He has a gun in his hand and a cap on his head and is all dressed up with a belt about his waist. He is in sad case for a soldier—he can neither shoot nor run, for he is bound to the heart with bands of satin ribbon. But he looks happy and sheepish.

The pins are in hiding behind a shirring of narrow satin ribbon that encircles the heart. Short hangers, of ribbon, united at the top with a rosette, make it easy to find a place for this cushion.

At the right of the picture a pin-tree flourishes. It is made of a cork, painted green, on the end of a short meat skewer painted brown. The other end of the skewer rests in a little green bucket made of wood and filled with brown sealing wax. Black pins, with heads of many colors and white are stuck in the cork, providing the recipient with a variety of pins to choose from. The chances are that this little tree will lose few of its branches between this and next Christmas, if its owner can keep it away from the female of the species.

A party bag and a shopping bag are shown above, and the party bag is made of plain and figured ribbon set together with corded seams. This bag is lined with silk. It is gathered near the top on a narrow satin ribbon run in a casing formed by two rows of stitching in the bag. There are bows of the narrow ribbon at each side, and the bag is suspended by it.

A handsome shopping bag is made of heavy purple satin ribbon broadened with purple velvet and silver flowers. It opens with a "gate" fastening at the top, in silver, and is suspended by narrow purple satin ribbon. A handsome silver tassel finishes it.

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"Did he leave your mother much?"

"About twice a week."—London Answers.

Sure to Please Grandma

What to give to grandma is the question that puzzles young heads at Christmas time.

Here is a little tea cozy which is sure of a welcome from grandma, and it is the simplest thing imaginable to make. Printed Japanese silk or silk-alene or cretonne will serve the purpose with equally good results, and it takes very little of any one of these materials, even for the largest size in teapots.

This cozy is made of four sections of figured silk sewed together to form the outside, and four similar sections of plain silk or other materials sewed together to form the lining. When the lining has been made, it is covered with a thick layer of cotton batting tacked down to it in several places and the cover is slipped on over it. Then the raw edges of both materials are turned up and overcast together. A very full bow of many loops of bright satin ribbon is sewed to the top.

The gayest and brightest of colors make the tea cozy a cheerful part of tea drinking. It slips on over the pot and keeps the tea hot for a long time.

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## WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No day taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THIS ORDER.

STRAYED—To my farm near Sigaber, P. O. Dec 11th, two horses, one dark bay and one sorrel, with white stripe in face and three white feet. Owner may have same by proving property and paying cost. Arthur B. Wakely. 12-14-3

FURNISHED ROOM for rent, suitable for gentleman. Nice location. Mrs. H. Hanson. Phone 331. 12-7-17

FOR SALE—Cutter and pair of one-horse light bobs. L. J. Kraus.

GIRL WANTED—For general housework. Inquire at Avalanche. Phone 1112.

LOST—Milk bottle carrier. Finder please notify Avalanche office. John Roonspies.

## For His Dressing Table



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We wish to call especial attention to the club of magazines advertised in connection with our paper. This is by far the biggest magazine bargain that we have ever offered our readers. And as a hint to the wise, we suggest that you avail yourself of it at once, since we have already been advised by the publishers that on account of the tremendous increase in the cost of white paper the regular subscription price of these magazines will be increased in the near future. Send in your order now and get a double bargain.

## Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than

to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

## Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, made by Fred E. Esman and Mary Esman, his wife, of Wellington, Crawford County Michigan, to Orlando F. Barnes of Lansing, Michigan, dated the twelfth day of July, A. D. 1913, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1913, in Liber H of mortgages on page 190, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of One hundred eighty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents, and an Attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof:

Now, Therefore, By virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 6th day of March A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, I shall sell at Public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court house in the Village of Grayling, County of Crawford, (the place where the Circuit Court for said County of Crawford is held), the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with an Attorney's fee of Twenty-five dollars, as provided by law and as covenanted for therein, the premises being described in said mortgage as follows, to wit:

The South-east quarter of the North-east quarter (SW 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section one (1) in township twenty-five (25) north of range four (4) west containing forty (40) acres of land more or less, according to the returns of the Surveyor General.

O. PALMER, Attorney for Mortgagee.  
Business address: Grayling, Mich. 12-7-13

## Grayling Opera House

# The Battle Cry of Peace Christmas Day

## Afternoon and Evening

This wonderful nine (9) reel Photoplay supreme will be one of the best ever presented to the Grayling public and is one feature that no one could afford to miss.

Owing to the length of this feature we will be able to run just one show in the evening and one show in the afternoon, the matinee starting at 2:30 o'clock.

## Reserved Seats

Reserved seats will be on sale at the Central Drug Store.

Admission 15, 25 and 35c.

# Here's Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



ing 11,500 square statute miles.

These figures are interesting when it is considered that the ratio in the United States is 232 square miles of area to one mile of coast line. The figures for the United States have reference to the coast line of the main part of the country, including islands lying near the coast, but not including non-contiguous territory such as Alaska and Porto Rico. The coast line of the United States so measured, with what the experts call "three-mile steps," is 13,023 miles, less than 2,000 miles in excess of the coast line of our eastern possessions.

## "FIASCO" IS ITALIAN TERM

Believed to Have Originated When Actor Failed to Score in Delivery of Favorite Soliloquy.

Among Italians, a correspondent in Rome tells me, the origin of the term "fiasco" for failure is believed to have originated in the remark of an old Italian actor, says a writer in the London Chronicle. He had in the course of a play to deliver a somewhat lengthy monologue, in which he invariably scored a great success. It was his habit to always hold some object or other in his hand, changing the article every time he appeared, and never using the same thing twice.

One evening, seeing a wine bottle (called in Italian fiasco), he seized it and proceeded on the stage to pronounce his soliloquy. Whether it was that on that occasion the audience was extraordinarily difficult to please or whether it was that the actor was not up to his usual form, the fact remains that for once he did not obtain his customary applause and "bis," from which time the phrase "faro fiasco" has become general in the Italian language.

## From a Church Calendar.

The following appeared in a Pittsfield, Mass., church calendar recently: "The church is not a refrigerator for preserving perishable piety. It is a dynamo for charging human wills. The object of the church is not to tell how to dodge difficulties, but to furnish strength and courage to meet and master them. The church is not to furnish a place for the lazy. It is rather a place for working yokes for dragging the loads. The man who does not attend any church virtually votes away with all churches."

Big Toad In Middle. Shortly after the Christmas labor leader, was elected to parliament he took his little toad to Westminster. She was always at the splendid round table and maintained a profound and gloomy silence all the time. Mr. Asquith was much impressed.

"Well," said the toad at last, "what are you thinking so deeply about, dear?"

"I was thinking," answered the little toad, "of a big man in our kitchen who you aren't very much here."

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It is, therefore, with the utmost sincerity we grasp this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude and to extend to each and every one our heartiest and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and may the dawn of the New Year light your path to Happiness and Prosperity.

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## DRYS SET LIMIT QUART A MONTH

Prepare Bills to Regulate Ship-  
ment of Liquor into  
State.

### NEW OFFICIAL IS PROPOSED

Plans Provide for Commissioner of  
Prohibition to Have Charge of  
Enforcement of the State-  
Wide Law.

Lansing.—One quart of whiskey, or one gallon of wine, or one case of beer or of malt liquor a month will be the legal portion of the Michiganans after June 1, 1918. If the plan of the dries, as outlined at a meeting of attorneys here, go through the legislature.

Two important points in the proposed legislation settled were the limit on shipments and a plan to create a commissioner of prohibition who is to see to it that the liquor laws are enforced.

There was considerable discussion among the attorneys whether the adoption of the amendment meant that the use of liquor was to be prohibited or merely that the brewery and the saloon, or, as the amendment puts it, "the manufacture, sale, bartering for sale or giving away," were to go. Some thought that the state should be completely dried up and that all shipments should be absolutely stopped, while others were of a contrary opinion.

Attorney Wayne B. Wheeler, representing the Antislavery League of America, interposed just long enough to say that even with the most favorable decision on the Webb-Kenyon bill by the United States Supreme court, all a state could do was to limit the quantity in shipments. It could not, he said, under the Webb-Kenyon bill and the Michigan amendment, absolutely stop such shipments. It was found that the laws now in force in Virginia could best be adapted to Michigan.

The commissioner of prohibition, while he is to be in charge of the prosecution of violators of the liquor laws, is to work through the attorney general's office, according to present plans. It is not the intention, Attorney Edwin R. Warden said, to load down the state with a new job and a lot of assistants. A deputy commissioner will be included, but the county sheriffs are expected to do the rest of the work.

The commissioner is to have the power to go over the head of a prosecuting attorney, if necessary, but all his legal assistance is to come from the attorney general.

**No Result From Rail Quiz.**  
The only results of the Michigan railway commission hearing on the car shortage was to gather data for the interstate commerce commission and clear up several misconceptions.

As the coal business is interstate commerce, the state board found it had no power to regulate it.

Despite the hundreds of pages of testimony taken in the two days from railroad men, board of commerce traffic experts and brokers, the only constructive remedy came from the railroads which are advocating an increase in re-construction charges. This is a blow at brokers who buy coal from the mines and later order its distribution. They can hold the cars indefinitely by paying demurrage charges and New York Central records showed brokers had held cars 35 days in Detroit.

This year's freight congestion was caused through fear of a strike, according to the rail men, who also claimed that embargoes were essential in relieving Detroit congestion. The Michigan Central has a track capacity of 4,000 more cars than last year in Detroit, and claims congestion is not as bad as it was in 1912.

All railroads claimed they have sufficient motor facilities to move the freight if cars are released promptly. The Michigan Central has 123 switching crews in Detroit, but collects \$23,000 monthly demurrage charges. The Detroit yards of the Pere Marquette yield \$3,000 demurrage monthly, but rolling stock in hauling service would bring the roads much more revenue.

The Washburn railroad representatives testified they hold 803 cars for Detroit which they cannot deliver owing to Grand Trunk embargoes. They have some 300 cars of coal, of which 225 are for Detroit brokers.

**Tuberculosis Common in Jail.**  
The county jails of Michigan are full of cases of tuberculosis, according to the figures given by the tuberculosis survey experts who have just finished tabulating figures compiled from their inspection of 20 county jails.

In the ten jails they found that 27.6 of the inmates either have the disease in a positive or suspicious form. Not

**H. C. of Living Hits Ann Arbor.**  
Ann Arbor.—The board of water commissioners was swayed by the H. C. of L. when it let a contract for 1,805 tons of 18-inch pipe at an increased cost over the price a year ago of \$19,125.

**Bandits Rob Jackson Store.**  
Jackson.—John E. Baker was held up at the point of a revolver and robbed in his meat market by two men. The thieves getting \$40 in cash and a check for \$10 from the register.

**Engine Hits Birmingham Man.**  
Birmingham.—Charles W. Gogott, sixty-six years old, plasterer, whose home is in Oxford, but who has been boarding here, was struck by a Grand Trunk engine while lying on the track two miles south of Birmingham. The pilot tumbled into the ditch. Two ribs were broken.

**Grand Rapids Armory Ready.**  
Grand Rapids.—The new National Guard armory here was turned over to the state at a meeting of the state militia board in this city.

a single one of these cases had been reported by anybody to the state board of health as is required by the state laws, nor did any of those afflicted know they had the disease or were even suspicious of it.

The inspection of the ten jails took in 153 inmates, all of whom were thoroughly examined. Of this number 18 were found to have the disease so decidedly that they were listed as "positive" cases; nine were listed as "suspicious" cases, nine as "arrested" cases, while the diagnosis of 101 cases was decidedly "negative."

The figures for the ten counties follow:

| County       | Pos. | Sus. | Ar. | Neg. | Total |
|--------------|------|------|-----|------|-------|
| Calumet      | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Charlevoix   | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Chippewa     | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Crawford     | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Emmett       | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Genesee      | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Houghton     | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Isabella     | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Leelanau     | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Manistee     | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Benzie       | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Grand Haven  | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Grand Rapids | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Leeland      | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Manitoulin   | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1     |
| Michigan     | 18   | 9    | 9   | 101  | 137   |

Commenting on the fact that none of those afflicted actually knew they had the disease, Dr. William De Kleine, the head of the survey, said:

"The average county jail inmate is not characterized by high intelligence. The hard-working laboring man and people of that class seldom land in the county jail."

"The first and obvious duty of each county, in view of the large number of cases discovered in the county jails, is to make its jail building absolutely safe, so that the spread of the disease is not encouraged there."

**Haarer Favors Budget.**  
That a system which makes the secretary of state, state treasurer and superintendent of public instruction responsible for the auditing of bills against the state is inconsistent and awkward, is the contention of retiring State Treasurer J. W. Haarer. The treasurer believes that heads of departments should be held responsible for the correctness of the bills of employees under them and that such work as naturally comes under the jurisdiction of an auditor should be

carried for in the office of the auditor general. Under existing laws part of the accounts against the state are generally passed upon by the auditor general and part of them by the state board of auditors, with no logical line of demarcation.

"Why should the board of state auditors have to say how much a state employee's expenses should be?" asks the treasurer.

"Under the budget system every department head would be responsible for the administration of the fund appropriated to him. He would save expenditures personally, and if an employee was putting his accounts the department head would find it out."

**Eat Alfalfa, Helme's Advice.**  
Eat a little more alfalfa hay ground into alfalfa flour is the advice of James W. Helme, state dairy and food commissioner, to boycotters of butter and eggs.

The state dairy and food commissioner explained that Professor McCollum of the University of Wisconsin, after many experiments with feeding white rats, found that the only food which took the place of the fat found in butter and eggs was alfalfa.

Even other fats, such as lard, tallow or the vegetable fats, including olive oil or cottonseed, would not take the place of the fats of butter and eggs.

Professor McCollum found that during 60 days the rats fed on various grains grew about half the normal rate and then stopped growing altogether.

**Fellows' Opinion Favors Bacon.**  
Attorney General Grant Fellows has given an opinion to Secretary of State Vaughan that the state board of canvassers must accept the totals returned by the board of county canvassers in the Benzie-Bacon fight in Jackson county, a part of the Second congressional district. This upholds the county canvassers in accepting the figures of the city board, but does not preclude a recount in the city precincts.

The returns of the Jackson county canvassers would make Bacon's plurality in the district 37, while if the disputed votes were counted Bacon would have a plurality of 44 votes.

**Asks Help for Guardsmen.**  
Governor Ferris has addressed a letter to the mayors of cities having National Guard companies, urging them to name committees, with the mayor as chairman, to assist the Guardsmen in handling business deals negotiated before the men were called to the border. "This committee could be of valuable service in seeing that the soldiers do not lose financially on any business propositions, such as purchasing furniture or property on installment payments, payments on insurance policies, loss of union cards, etc."

**Cunningham Heads Rail Board.**  
Commissioner Charles S. Cunningham of Detroit was elected chairman of the state railroad commission when David H. Crowley qualified as a member of the commission to succeed Layton T. Hemans.

**New Corporations.**  
Beneficial Finance company, Detroit, \$50,000; Charles G. Miller, Theodore H. Perry, Emil J. Schroeder.

Union Co-operative Bakery, Detroit, \$15,000; Adam Albiniski, W. L. Wladislaw Kucharski, Simon Czapka.

R. E. Hamilton & Sons, Detroit, \$30,000; Thomas C. Hamilton, Webster I. Halles, William G. Hamilton.

Highland Park Mineral company, Highland Park, \$5,000.

Franklin Street Land company, Detroit, \$12,500.

Grand Rapids Grinding Machine company, Grand Rapids, \$25,000.

The Schulte Mulevay Sales company, Detroit, \$125,000; Peter W. Schulte, William P. Schulte, Joseph E. Mulevay.

Reliable Realty company, Lansing, \$1,200.

Ernest G. Hoffman company, Lansing, \$1,200.

The Bunker Elevator company, Bunker, \$25,000.

Michigan Power company, Ann Arbor, \$10,000.

The Universal Tool company, Detroit, \$10,000.

## AWAITING SANTA'S PLEASURE



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## MACKENZIE FORCES GAIN IN RUMANIA

BUT ONE PROVINCE NOW REMAINS IN RUSSO-RUMANIAN HANDS.

TEUTONS SEIZE MUCH BOOTY

The Russo-Rumanians Are Reported to Have Evacuated Braila and Galatz.

Berlin.—Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces have reached the gates of Moldavia, the only Rumanian province remaining in the hands of the Russo-Rumanians. All of Dobruja except the forest region in the bend of the Danube is now in possession of the German, Bulgarian and Turkish troops.

Practically all of Great Wallachia has been over-run. The Russo-Rumanians are reported to have evacuated Braila and Galatz.

West of the Buzeu-Rimnik road, the German allies are pushing towards the northeast through the mountains; east of the road parallel progress is being made across the lowlands.

During the past 48 hours vast stores of fresh booty have fallen into the hands of the German allies. It includes railway rolling stock, live stock, foodstuffs, grain, war materials and petroleum. It is reported that the Rumanian government has been removed from Jassy to Russia. The foreign office has been established in Petrograd; the other branches are to be located at Kiev, it is said.

It is rumored that King Ferdinand, who is rapidly becoming "the monarch without a country," will abdicate and go to England.

The following comment on the military situation in Rumania and the Verdun sector of France is given out for publication by the Overseas News agency:

"Operations in Wallachia can now be considered as terminated. Buzeu, which has now fallen into the hands of the central powers, is the last important railroad point in Wallachia. The allies (Teutonic) now control two-thirds of the Rumanian railroad lines. The Buzeu and Jalomitza rivers form the second and third strategic lines, in which were secured corn and oil stores."

The most recent German successes finally have provoked a greater activity on the western front, but the great new attack on the Meuse, launched by the French after strong artillery preparation, cannot modify the general situation. Such offensive thrusts, carried out with all available means, are always successful at the beginning."

Brandenburg troops have stormed Russian positions over a breadth of 600 yards to the north of the railroad between Kovel and Lutsk, in Volhynia, according to the official statement issued at German army headquarters.

The Teutons captured five officers and 800 men and took several machine guns and mine throwers. A Russian attack near Ilukst was repulsed.

Regarding operations in Rumania, the official statement says:

"Our armies in mass have crossed the Buzeu and the lower Camatulus in Dobruja, our army has gained positions to the northward. On the Macedonia front the situation was calm."

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**  
Mrs. James Arnot, 70 years old, living near Crosswell, suffered a stroke of paralysis while cooking breakfast and fell on a red hot stove. She was badly burned.

Warsaw via London.—Archduke Charles Stephen of Austria, has been selected as regent of Poland, with the prospect of election as king later.

As a result of a conference between Mayor Black, of Port Huron and officials of the Grand Trunk railway, several poor families will be provided with fuel during the winter months at prices much lower than they are now paying. The city will provide labor for dismantling discarded freight cars and the lumber will be turned over to the city and sold to persons who cannot afford to buy coal.

Mrs. Winnifred Sebring Clark, for nine years society editor of a Kalamazoo newspaper and prominent Michigan suffrage worker, was hit by an automobile and seriously injured.

Although she is being sued for \$20,000 for breach of promise by a Chicago balloonist, who says she accepted him as a balloon above the clouds, Mrs. Virgil Rodell, of Canova, is happy, because, she says, she was wooed and won for herself alone and not for the fortune of \$135,000 which she is to inherit in three years when she is 31.

## CROP VALUE \$7,641,609,000

That is \$1,750,000,000 More Than the Same Crops Were Worth Last Year.

Washington.—All records for value of the country's important farm crops were exceeded this year despite the smaller size of the crops. Their value was placed at \$7,641,609,000 by the department of agriculture in its final estimates of the year. That is \$1,750,000,000 more than the same crops were worth last year.

Higher prices, due partly to reduced production and partly to the demands for American food from the warring nations of Europe, were responsible for the vast increase in value.

**Corn Shows Most Increase.**  
Four crops each were worth more than \$1,000,000,000. Corn, with a total value of \$2,295,783,000, showed the greatest increase, being worth \$573,103,000 more than last year's output.

Cotton, the second most valuable, with a total of \$1,079,598,000, increased \$475,378,000 over last year.

Wheat, the third, was worth \$1,026,756,000, or \$83,462,000 over the year before, when the production was almost \$400,000,000 bushels more.

Hay was fourth with a value of \$1,008,894,000, an increase of \$95,250,000. Compared with last year's value, other crops showed the following increases:

Oats—\$96,678,000; potatoes, \$95,071,000; tobacco, \$72,777,000; barley, \$41,362,000; rye, \$12,774,000; buckwheat, \$1,621,000; flaxseed, \$1,340,000; rice, \$1,074,000; sweet potatoes, \$13,161,000; sugar beets, \$4,241,000; beans, \$17,992,000; kaffirs, \$2,112,000; onions, \$1,601,000; apples, \$27,660,000; oranges, \$5,545,000; and wild hay, \$11,053,000.

**Wheat Gains 32,000,000 Bushels.**  
Final estimates of production showed a decrease of 60,000,000 bushels in corn from the November estimate, but an increase of 32,000,000 bushels in wheat.

A revision of the 1915 estimates of crop production was announced by the department showing the corn crop to have been 2,944,793,000 bushels last year, a reduction of 59,740,000 bushels from previous estimates, and wheat for 1915 was placed at 1,025,801,000 bushels, an increase of 13,299,000 bushels over estimates made last December. The revised figures also showed changes in other crops.

Final estimates announced by the department of agriculture are:

Corn, 2,583,341,000 bushels, compared with 2,372,457,000, the 1910-14 average.

Wheat, 335,886,000 bushels, compared with 228,225,000, the five-year average.

Oats, 1,251,992,000 bushels, compared with 1,157,961,000, the 1910-14 average.

**TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES**  
New York.—Plans for New York's largest apartment house, a structure of 13 stories high, covering the city block bounded by Lexington and Park avenues and Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth streets, are announced. The building will cost \$4,000,000.

London.—Andrew Bonar Law's declaration in the house of commons that the British government still insists on "adequate reparation for the past and security for the future," was construed by influential newspapers as leaving the way open for considering the German peace proposal and for enunciating the essential aims of the Entente Allies.

Berlin, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—A record achievement was made by a German submarine, which has returned to its base after 55 days at sea, without entering harbor or receiving outside assistance of any form. The weather, generally, was bad.

London.—Three more ships, one a neutral, have been sunk by German submarines, it was stated in dispatches received here. They were the Norwegian steamer Kaupanger, 3,354 tons, the British ship Glencon, 2,560 tons, and the Portuguese steamship Lea, 1,911 tons.

Washington.—Plans for pressing a \$30,000,000 omnibus public building bill at this session of congress were practically agreed upon at conferences between members of the house rules and public building committees.

New York.—The American Clothing Manufacturers' association, representing most of the manufacturers whose workers are on strike, will grant an increase in wages of about \$2 a week, approximately the increase demanded by the strikers. The manufacturers, however, refused to reduce the working time.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS

### Live Stock

DETROIT.—Cattle.—Receipts, 1275. Best heavy steers, \$8.10; best heavy weight butchers, \$7.50 to \$8.50; mixed steers and heifers, \$7.25 to \$8.25; heavy light butchers, \$6.75; light butchers, \$5.50 to \$6.50; best cows, \$5.00 to \$6.00; common cows, \$4.50 to \$5.50; canners, \$3.50 to \$4.50; best heavy bulls, \$6.00 to \$6.50; bologna bulls, \$5.50 to \$6.25; stock bulls, \$4.50 to \$5.50; feeders, \$5.00 to \$5.75; stockers, \$4.50 to \$5.50; milkers and springers, \$4.00 to \$7.00.

Calves.—Receipts, \$80. A few fancy bringing \$13, but bulk of the good brought \$12 to \$12.50, heavy grades, \$5.50 to \$6.50 and mediums \$5 to \$11.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts, 7,210. Best lambs, \$13 to \$13.25; fair lambs, \$12 to \$12.75; light to common lambs, \$9 to \$10.75; yearlings, \$9 to \$10.75; fair to good sheep, \$8 to \$8.75; culls and common, \$5 to \$7.

Hogs.—Receipts, 10,800. Pigs selling at \$8.25 to \$8.65 and mixed grades 10c higher, selling at \$8.25 to \$8.75.

EAST BUFFALO.—Cattle.—Receipts, 150 cars; market 10 to 15c lower; choice to prime steers, \$10.15 to \$11.25; good to choice, \$9.50 to \$10.50; fair to good, \$8.50 to \$9.50; plain to coarse, \$7.25 to \$7.75; best yearlings, dry-red, \$10 to \$11; best heavy steers, \$7.50 to \$8; light butchers, \$6.75 to \$7.25; best butchers, \$7.50 to \$8; western butchers, \$7.50 to \$8; heavy fat cows, \$5.50 to \$7.25; butchers cows, \$4.50 to \$5.50; canners, \$4 to \$4.25; fancy bulls, \$7.50 to \$7.75; butchers bulls, \$6.50 to \$7.50; common bulls, \$5.50 to \$6.50; good stockers, \$5 to \$5.50; feeders, \$4.50 to \$5; best milkers and springers, \$8 to \$11; mediums, \$6; common, \$4 to \$5.

Hogs.—Receipts, 90 cars; market steady; heavy, \$10.75 to \$10.85; yorkers and mixed, \$10.50 to \$10.75; pigs and lights, \$9.75 to \$10.

Sheep and lambs.—Receipts, 30 cars; lambs 15c lower; sheep steady; top lambs, \$13.75 to \$14; yearlings, \$11 to \$12; wethers, \$9 to \$10; ewes, \$8 to \$9.

Calves.—Receipts, 700; slow: tops, \$14 to \$15; fair to good, \$12.50 to \$13; heavy fat calves, \$8.50 to \$9.50; fed calves, \$5 to \$6.25.

Grain, Etc.  
DETROIT.—Wheat, Cash No. 2 red, \$1.08; December, opened without change at \$1.09, touched \$1.09 1/2, declined to \$1.07 1/2 and advanced to \$1.08; May opened at \$1.17, gained 1/2c, declined to \$1.14 1/2 and advanced to \$1.15; No. 1 white, \$1.13.

Corn.—Cash No. 3, 93c; No. 2 yellow, 97c; No. 4 yellow, 95c.

Oats.—Standard, 56c; asked; No. 2 white, 55c; No. 4 white, 54c 1/2c.

Rye.—Cash No. 2, \$1.45.

Beans.—Immediate and prompt shipment, \$5.75; December, \$5.75; January, \$5.50.

Seeds.—Prime red clover, \$10.05; March, \$10.75; alsike, \$10.75; timothy, \$2.50; alfalfa, \$9 to \$10.

Flour.—Per 196 lbs. in eighth paper sacks: Best winter patent, \$9.30; second patent, \$8.90; straight, \$8.70; spring patent, \$8.90; rye, \$8.50 per bbl.

Hay.—No. 1 timothy, \$14 to \$15; standard timothy, \$13.50 to \$14; rye straw, \$9.50 to \$10; wheat and oat straw, \$6.50 to \$9 per ton in carlots, Detroit.

Feed.—In 100-lb. sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, \$3; standard middlings, \$3; fine middlings, \$3; cracked corn, \$4; coarse cornmeal, \$4; corn and oat chop, \$3.75 per ton.

**General Markets.**  
Pineapples—\$4 to \$4.50 per crate.

Grapes—\$3.50 to \$4 per crate.

Malaga Grapes—\$8 to \$9 per keg.

Limes—\$1.15 per 100 and \$11 per barrel.

Cranberries—Late Howes, \$3.25 per bu and \$9.25 per bbl.

Apples—Baldwin, Spy and King, \$5.50 to \$6.75 per bbl for the best.

Cabbages—\$4.50 per bbl.

Dressed Hogs—12 to 13c per lb.

Tomatoes—Hothouse, 25c per lb.

Celery—Kalamazoo, 20 to 25c per doz.

New Potatoes—Bermuda, \$10.50 to \$11 per bbl.

Sweet Potatoes—Jersey, kiln-dried, \$2 per crate.

Honey—Fancy white, 16 to 17c; extracted, 9 to 10c per lb.

Dressed Calves—Fancy, 15 to 16c; No. 2, 14 to 15c per lb.

Potatoes—Incarlos: Bulk, \$1.50 to \$1.55; in sacks, \$1.55 to \$1.60 per bu.

Lettuce—Head lettuce, \$1.75 to \$2 per case; hothouse, 12 to 14c per lb.

Dressed Poultry—Chickens, 18 to 19c; hens, 16 to 17c; geese, 16 to 17c; turkeys, 20 to 21c per lb.

## "Kronstadt"

An interesting legend is told concerning the origin of the name of the city of Kronstadt. The old town hall is supposed to stand on the spot where a golden crown was found in the stump of a tree in 1504. The royal emblem was believed to have remained hidden here for more than 100 years. It was identified as having belonged to King Solomon of Hungary, who concealed it lest it fall into the hands of the pursuing Bulgarians. Hence the name, Kronstadt.

**Beam in the Eye.**  
Many a child, as well as some older persons, are puzzled over that "beam" in the eye of which the New Testament speaks. It is not always understood that this means a beam of light. But it was left to Solomon Bernhard, in his wood cuts illustrating the Bible, published at Lyons in 1553, to picture this beam as one of wood, rectangular in section, and several feet in length!

**Burning Gas in Teakettles.**  
Spanish peasants living in the cork oak region use home-made gas obtained from cork refuse









OF COURSE you are going to need a few articles for Christmas Presents—every well-regulated family will.

In anticipating a goodly share of your Christmas trade, we purchased a line of good things that are surely going to win your praise.

Things may be practical and also beautiful. Our Christmas goods ARE beautiful and are equally useful, and the best selections from the world's greatest markets.



### A Few Suggestions

**IVORY ARTICLES** in handsome Mirrors, Combs, Brushes, Toilet sets, etc. New ideas and shapes.

**CUT GLASS**—the quality kind—forms one of the specially attractive features of our store.

**PERFUMES**—The choicest odors of such renowned brands as Imported Azorea, Ideal, Melba and many others.

**TOILET WATERS**—Quality kinds in beautiful packages.

**PERFUMIZER**—One of the very latest of new things for the lady's dressing table is DeVilbiss Perfumizer. Come and see it.

**STATIONERY** to please the fancy of all.

Our store is more attractive than ever before and our invitation to you to come in and see the display of pretty things is most cordial. We will be pleased to lay aside any articles you may select until Christmas time.

**Central Drug Store**

Phone No. 1, Grayling  
A. C. OLSON, Proprietor.

### Crawford Avalanche

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES.**  
One Year.....\$1.50  
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Three Months......40

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 21

### Empty Stockings.

Santa Claus can't squirm through some chimneys—poverty blocks the way.

So many a darned stocking will dangle in pitiful emptiness Christmas morning and more than one slum mother will seek to explain to a baby how it happens there aren't gifts enough in the world to go 'round.

After all, it's they who are hit hardest—the toll-broken women—the tub-drudges—the silent slaves of the skyscrapers—rubbing and scrubbing from dusk to dawn—snatching a wink and then choring about their teumem rooms—sweeping, cooking, mending rags, minding children—taking the graft without a whimper—old in their prime—scarred with the wounds of the wolf fight—soul-sick—disease-torn—lashed by dread and duty—afraid to be ill—

Imagine your wife in similar straits—picture her plight with fatherless bairns, no money and the responsibility of sole provider, and if your heart is one of God's wireless stations, intercept some lost prayers next week—catch a few wishes that might not

otherwise come true—and help.

If you are unacquainted with such folk, the policeman at the corner is well informed. He always knows where misery nests.

Be selfish, if you must, all the rest of the year, but for one day, at least, divvy your luck—it may run longer because of a little kindness. Especially on His Day.

Spend the money you meant for people who need nothing on these who want for everything.—Detroit Free Press, by Herbert Kaufman.

### HAVE FINE XMAS PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY TREE.

Exercises will Begin Promptly at 7:30 O'Clock.

The program for the Community Christmas tree is all arranged and the song parts are being rehearsed and when the time comes, 7:30 o'clock, p. m. Saturday, December 23, nothing will be missing to make this event a grand success.

The singers and school children who are to take part in the chorus work are requested to be at the school house in the big assembly room promptly at 7:15 p. m. Saturday, so as to match in a body to the square where the exercises are to be. Everybody are requested to be on time and the committee will see that all exercises are carried out promptly and quickly. Let the parents see that their children are warmly dressed, although the exercises will take only about thirty-five minutes.

The committee want one and all to

come, knowing that everyone will carry away some of that "Spirit of Christmas," they have labored so hard to bring about, by the bringing out of the first Community Christmas tree for Grayling.

The church choir and all singers, and especially members of the Mothers and Teachers' league, are requested to be at the school house at 3:00 o'clock p. m. Friday to practice for the big choruses.

### Gold Under Your Stumps.

That extensive farming, rather than intensive farming, is still the great problem of the American farmer is a fact beyond argument. The expert observer sees the evidence on every hand—millions of acres going to waste which might be ridden of stumps, plowed, sowed, and made the focal points for a new tidal wave of farmer prosperity. It is no exaggeration to say that most of America's logged-over land is rich in agricultural possibilities.

There certainly is nothing new in the idea of harnessing forest land to the plow. American history makes its start upon the clearing in the forest—upon that first scanty crop of corn which served for the initial Thanksgiving dinner of the Pilgrim Fathers.

With up-to-date methods and machinery of stump-pulling at their disposal, many modern American farmers hesitate to do the very thing which our forefathers were obliged to do with the slow, painful labor of their hands.

True to the adage that history repeats itself, the first American land-clearing has found its counterpart in many subsequent feats of daring land cultivation. For instance, there is the interesting story of the three Benedictine monks, who some thirty years ago, founded a colony in the wilds of the Ozark mountains of Arkansas.

They were not equipped with modern methods and machinery. They dug up the stumps in the most primitive manner. Yet, today, this colony has 160 acres of land under a high state of cultivation. And this land has proved its ability to produce better than \$13,500-worth of crops, dairy products, poultry, etc. in a single year.

In Arkansas, in Louisiana, in Montana, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Wisconsin and many other states, humble but wise and thrifty immigrants have bought hideous, barren stump lands for a song and a promise. And by patient industry they have redeemed these lands and made them blossom into a sure means of independence and prosperity. Thus they have put to shame many a less progressive native farmer.

The clearing and cultivation of forest lands, which has been an important American industry from the day that the first white man landed on the shores of Plymouth, has yet to take on the aspect of a great nation-wide movement. But farmers as a class are becoming more alive to the gold that lies under their stumps than they have been. And the next few years should witness a much more earnest and concerted effort on the part of farm owners to increase their holdings in good cut-over land, and prepare it with whatever stump-land they already possess for the sowing and the reaping. It is the next step necessary to make the average American farmer a better rounded and therefore a better paying proposition.

# SHOP EARLY

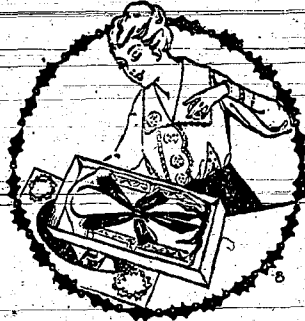
Here Are Some Gifts "He" Would Appreciate!

Again Christmas and the Holidays are at hand and as always our store is headquarters for appropriate and lasting gifts at prices which really represent money saving. It is certainly to your advantage to make your selections now while our big stock contains such a wide and complete range of suitable presents. The next ten days will be busy ones with this store. Accept our advice and make your choice now for delivery later.

## HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL ARTICLES

### Handkerchiefs

These are always appreciated. Our Dry Goods department offers a big variety of quality and prices in plain and fancy initial handkerchiefs.



### Blankets

You will be more than pleased with our supply of Blankets. Our wool blankets can not be excelled in quality and price.

### Silk Petticoats

The ladies will certainly appreciate our silk petticoats. They are of good quality and the very latest style.

### House Slippers



Keep your feet comfortable with a pair of our House Slippers. We have them in several styles and shapes.

Have Us Order Your  
**Xmas Suit and Overcoat**

from our Chicago Tailors

Ed. V. Price & Co.

### Select Your Own Style Today

There is not a man in the town but what can find the very style and pattern for a suit or overcoat that he will appreciate and enjoy—providing he makes his selection from the unsurpassed display of our famous Chicago tailors.

By leaving your measure TODAY we can guarantee delivery before Xmas.

Prices are Reasonable

### Shoes and Rubbers

Remember the children with a pair of new Shoes for Christmas. And also at this time of the year Rubbers are necessary.

Good, high quality leather used in our shoes. For women, children and men.

### Dress Goods

Messamines, Voiles, Crepe de Chene and other fine fabrics await your selection. We can nicely supply your Christmas wants in this line, and also furnish the trimmings to go with them. Prices reasonable.

### Underwear

Our line of Underwear for men, women and children can't be excelled. We are the sole local dealers in the well-known Victoria Brand of knit underwear. Wear them and you will want to buy no other kind.

Beautiful Turkish Bath Towels and Rugs.

Heavy Woven Bath Rugs.

### GROCERIES

High grade, fresh, delicious and strictly sanitary. In our grocery department you may provide your table supplies with a satisfaction that you are getting goods of quality. Just to tempt your appetite we suggest you include a few of the following articles with your next order.

Olives, bottle and bulk. Pickles. Catsup. Salad Dressing. Snyder's Tomato Soup, something new. Honey. Canned Pineapple. Canned Fruits. Preserves of all kinds. Canned Pumpkin, Soups, Beans and other vegetables. Choice Columbia River Salmon, best on the market. Norwegian Sardines, Norwegian Mackerel, Canned Eel, Fiske Pudding, Christmas Plum Pudding, Fresh Cranberries.

### TEAS and COFFEES

We offer the highest grade coffee obtainable in our Mocha and Java. All the well known brands. Choice Green and Black Teas.

### CHEESE

American Full Cream Cheese, Brick and Switzer Cheese, Rouquefort, Kraft and Camembert Cheese.

Nice fresh assortment of Cookies. Fresh Dromedary Dates. Apples, Nuts and Fruits of all kinds. Swan's Down Cake Flour; makes the best cakes. Try it.

We still have some articles that were purchased before the increase in prices. These are staple and things you require every day; they are better than many similar articles offered today because their colors are made from the best German dyes and their colors are permanent. These we are offering at the old prices, however after January 1st they will be advanced in price. Buy early and save money.

We have only listed a few of the thousands of articles in our big store. We sell everything, so just come in and make your wants known.

# SALLING, HANSON COMPANY

WE SELL EVERYTHING

## Merry Christmas

### To You All

We desire at this time to thank all our patrons and friends that have helped us to make this year now nearing an end one of the most prosperous in our history. We also sincerely hope that the coming year will be one of continued prosperity, peace and happiness for all.

### Eleventh Hour Suggestions

Soft Shell Walnuts  
Soft Shell Almonds  
Fancy Large Filberts  
Peerless Mixed Nuts  
Fancy Washed Brazils  
Fresh Roasted Peanuts  
Assorted Candies

Popecorn-Balls  
Chums  
Sure Pop Corn  
New Naval Oranges  
Fancy Large Bananas  
Fancy Baldwin Apples  
Grapes

**Milton Simpson Est.**

The Sanitary Store

### Obituary.

Mrs. Ann Lauvenia Ellen Penn, wife of John W. Penn, was the eldest child of Barney A. and Mary McAlfee, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, July 2, 1845 and was married to John Wesley Penn of Canada, March 12, 1860 at Richmond, O., and then moved to Canada; where they resided for nine years. They returned to Ohio in the fall of '69 later moving to Indiana, where they owned a large tract of land and built themselves a nice home. They resided there until 1904 when they moved to a farm at Pere Cheney where she lived until death, Thursday, Nov. 23, when she peacefully fell asleep to wake up with Jesus. She joined the First Baptist church at the age of thirteen, in which faith she remained a faithful Christian thru life. She was a faithful wife, a devoted mother, a kind and obliging neighbor, always ready and willing to

help in time of need. At her death she left to mourn her loss, her aged companion, six sons, John W., of West Branch, Indian W. of Jonesville; Barney and Earl of Grayling; Jesse A. of Roscommon and Hiram of Pere Cheney; and one daughter, Mrs. Pocahontas Bell Smith, who at present is residing at the family home; also one brother and fourteen grandchildren. The funeral was held on Sunday from the home, Rev. Terhune of Frederic officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery, Grayling.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend to our many friends and neighbors our sincere thanks for their help and kindness during the illness and death of wife and beloved mother.

JOHN W. PENN, and family.

**How Old Will You Be At Fifty?**  
Will you be 50 years old or 50 years young? Kidney troubles make many old when really they should be young. Don't be one of the old. Take Dr. Navaun's kidney tablets as you would a cake. 50c at your druggist, A. M.

**Dr. Navaun's Kidney Tablets**  
Largest Manufacturers in the World  
HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR  
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Ship your reptiles to us. We pay all express charges. See our price list.  
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New York

**Catarrh Cannot be Cured.**  
with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. In order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials free.

V. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O.  
All Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**Notice.**  
The tax roll for the year 1916 is now on hand. I will be at my home every Friday up to Jan. 10 to receive taxes.  
Hans Christensen, Treas.  
Beaver Creek Twp.





## USEFUL and ECONOMICAL

### Drug Store Offerings for Christmas

Our Christmas offerings are both useful and ornamental. They are also **ECONOMICAL**. They will pay for themselves in satisfactory service a hundred times over. They are presents that will appeal to the solid sense of the recipient every time they are used. They will be APPRECIATED gifts.

Some one in the family—or a friend—will more than appreciate any one of these articles, the prices of which have been marked right down to the limit to begin with:



#### Books

We just received a new supply of the latest and most desirable books, including special Xmas editions, poems, etc.

#### Safety Razors

Make him a present of a fine safety razor. He will not only enjoy the use of one, but will also save money by shaving himself—soon save the cost.

#### White Ivory

In these you may find articles that will please any member of the family. They are necessary and lasting articles for every home.

#### Perfumes and Toilet Articles

There are no perfumes to equal Palmer's. We have all the other well known makes in many odors. Toilet Waters in beautiful packages. Make fine presents.

#### Cigars, Pipes and Tobaccos

Choicest imported Key West and Havana Cigars, and a choice collection of domestic brands. We offer these in full or broken boxes. Upon request we will gladly assist the ladies in making selections for their husbands or gentleman friends.

We have all the leading brands of Cigarettes. You will find here your favorite brand of tobacco. To those who enjoy their pipe, we offer a nice selection of fragrant Briar and Meerchaum Pipes.



#### Candies

The famous Gilbert's chocolates and other well-known brands. Clean, pure, creamy and crispy candy, that is enjoyed by old and young. Just the kind for little children—it won't hurt them and THEY LIKE IT.

Sold in fancy Christmas boxes and in bulk. Candy is hard to get just at present and we suggest that you order your supply at once. If you cannot come down, telephone your wants. Phone 18.

#### Cameras

To please that young member of the family nothing will appeal like a high-grade camera. These are very useful articles in every home—history recorders. Several styles and prices.

#### Scheaffer Fountain Pens

A lasting and appreciative gift to a good friend would be one of our self-filling Scheaffer Fountain Pens. They are the best pens made and fully guaranteed. Several sizes and prices.

If you will come into our store we will be able to interest you in hundreds of good and useful articles that may be JUST what you want to use as a Christmas gift. Come in and see.

**A. M. LEWIS**

Your Druggist

Phone 18

## Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Mrs. C. R. Keyport was in Bay City Tuesday.

Boy Scout books for 10 cents at Sorenson Bros.

Why not a Diamond? Hathaway has them from \$5.00 up.

Christmas candies: 10 to 20 cents per pound at Holliday's Bazaar.

Leo Schram is assisting in the Post office during the holiday rush.

Mrs. Geo. Alexander returned home Monday from an extended visit in Detroit.

Mrs. Paul Ford of Detroit is visiting relatives and friends here over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crowley and children made a trip to Detroit Monday night.

Mrs. F. Brethower of Detroit is visiting her sister, Mrs. John LaMotte over Xmas.

Mrs. Lucile Baker of Bay City was in Grayling on business last Thursday and Friday.

Yes! Hathaway has lots of watches. \$1.00 a week if you cannot pay cash. See him today.

Mrs. John LaMotte, who underwent an operation at Mercy hospital, is getting along nicely.

E. S. Streeter left Thursday of last week for Durand to accept a position as filer in one of the mills there.

Miss Ruth Ryan, after several weeks spent with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Joseph, returned to her home in Clare, Mich.

The newly elected officers of Grayling Lodge P. & A. M. will be regularly installed next Wednesday night, December 27.

You can get four standard magazines one year for 25 cents extra by renewing your subscription to the Avalanche.

Any price booster will pay a thousand dollar fine when he can clean up ten thousand by doing it. Send the cusses to jail.

The Grange will hold an oyster dinner in the G. A. R. hall, on Saturday, January 6th. All Grangers are invited to be present. 12-21-3

Why not come here for your Xmas candy, and let us mix some good home made candy in with the other.

Colleen & Tea Store.

Taxes are now due and the rolls for the collection of state and county taxes are now at the Bank of Grayling, ready to receive payments.

A new lot of 25c Citrus on display. Sorenson Bros.

No services nor Sunday school will be held in the Danish church next Sunday morning. However, evening services will be held, commencing at 5:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Addie Patterson, of Pittsford, Mich., arrived in Grayling Monday for her annual visit with Dr. and Mrs. Palmer. She will doubtless remain until spring.

Appropriate Christmas Presents for Your Wife: A new gown, a piano, an automobile, a thousand dollar check, a poodle dog, and a kiss. She'll be happy and reasonably satisfied.

One more day to contribute toward the expenses of the municipal Christmas tree. Drop a little money in the mite boxes; they may be found in about every store and office in Grayling.

Books to give at Christmas time: "The Eyes of the World," "North of Fifty-three," "The Twins of Suffering Creek," "Contrary Mary," "A Son of the Sun," "Freckles," "Rose O'Paradise." Sorenson Bros.

The street commissioner wants the Avalanche to caution the citizens, especially the business men, not to put ashes into the street. There seems to be no reason why his request should not be fully complied with.

W. R. C. members take notice: There will be no meeting of Marvin W. R. C., Friday, Dec. 22nd. The annual election of officers will be held at the regular meeting Friday, Jan. 26th. All members are requested to be present. See 'y.

The Christmas tree for the children of St. Mary's parish will be held in St. Mary's church next Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24th at 3:00 p. m. An appropriate program has been prepared by a committee from the Queen's Social club, which will be given.

Train No. 201 was over four hours late Monday afternoon, getting in here at 5:55. The same had been delayed in Detroit and Piquette for several hours. Train No. 207 was six hours late yesterday, arriving about 10:00 a. m. Train wrecks were the cause of the delays.

"The Battle Cry of Peace," a nine reel photo play will be presented at the Opera House on Christmas day, next Monday. There will be two performances, one a matinee, will commence at 2:30 o'clock, in the afternoon. The evening performance will start at the usual time. The play features as its star, Mr. Chas. Richman. No one should fail to see this. Reserved seats are on sale at the Central Drug store. Prices of admission are 15, 25, and 35 cents.

A nice line of Sterling novelties at Hathaway's. See them.

Our electric motor for sewing machines or an electric iron will make an ideal Xmas present. For years, will this present be appreciated.

Sorenson Bros.

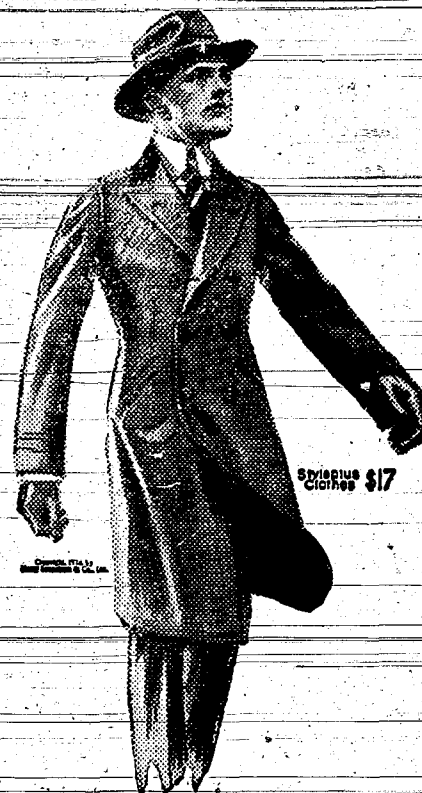
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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO YOU

and many of them

## PREPARED AS NEVER BEFORE FOR CHRISTMAS



### For Men and Young Men

A great showing of SUITS and OVERCOATS. We feature the celebrated STYLEPLUS \$17 Clothes.

Other styles \$8.00 to \$25.00

### Gift Suggestions

For Men and Boys

Gloves and Mitts  
Belts and Suspenders  
Garters  
Sweaters  
Caps  
Hats  
Socks  
Pajamas  
Bath Robes  
Hockey Caps  
Night Gowns  
Stockings

### Holiday Neckwear

The finest and largest selection of Holiday Neckwear for men that we have ever shown

25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50



### Men's Kid Gloves

Lined or unlined, in gray and brown

\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50

### Ladies' Gloves

In kid or cape kid and chamois

50c to \$2.00

Yarn Gloves 25c and 50c

### Stylish Coats

We still have a good selection of stylish Coats and Suits for women, and very moderately priced.

### Ladies' Waists

Ladies' Waists in Welworth and Wirthnor styles

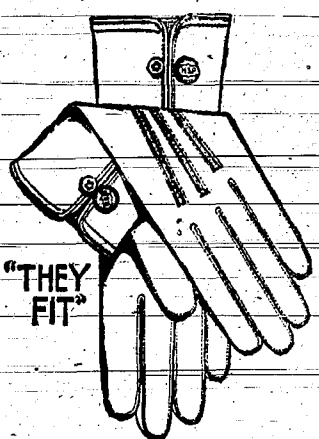
\$1, \$2 and up to \$4

### Party Slippers

Ladies' Party Slippers in dull kid, patent and satin

\$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00

### H&P GLOVES



### Handkerchiefs

A wonderful array of Handkerchiefs. They are always in demand and make a useful gift

5c and up

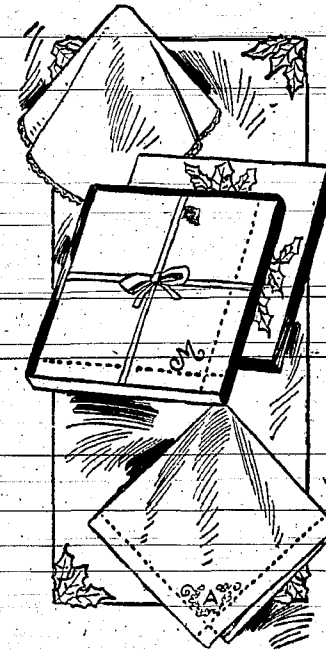
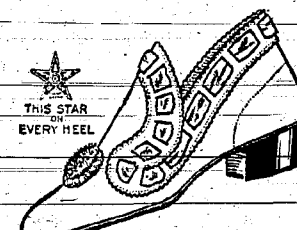
Cuff Links..... 50c  
Cuff Link Sets..... \$1.50  
Scarf Pins..... 50c

### Men's House Slippers

75c to \$2.00

### Comfy Slippers for Gifts

Felt Slippers of all kinds for children, women and men. Boudoir slippers in black, red and blue.



Shoes! Shoes!! Shoes!!!

If you want a square deal, do your shoe buying here. Only all leather shoes with a guarantee back of every pair. We bought more than usual last spring and consequently can save you the advance which other stores are getting.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Here

## Grayling Mercantile Co.

THE QUALITY STORE



### KODAK

The gift that no sooner opened than it's used.

Kodaks \$6.00 and up.

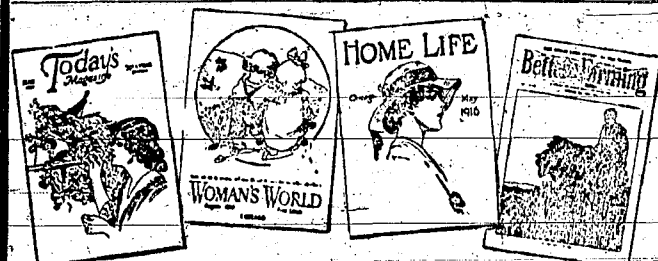
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# The Quarterbreed

A Modern Indian Reservation  
Story by Robert Ames Bennet

Capt. Floyd Hardy, U. S. A., coming to take charge of the agency at Lakotah Indian reservation, following the murder of Agent Nogen, rescues a quarterbreed girl and two men from an Indian attack. They are Reginald Vandervyn, agency clerk and nephew of Senator Clemmer; Jacques Dupont, post trader, and his daughter Marie. Hardy learns that Vandervyn had been promised the agency position, discovers that the Indians are disaffected because they have been cheated in a tribal mine which Vandervyn and Dupont have been working. In puzzling when his friendly speech to tribesmen, interpreted by Vandervyn's tool, angers the Indians, and determines to make further investigation. Now influences arising at this point make his position difficult. How his life and honor are endangered through dark plotting is graphically described in this installment.

## CHAPTER VIII—Continued.

Vandervyn had arranged to be gone a week. There was no cause to discuss the time of his return, and as Marie seldom mentioned him, Hardy was not often annoyed by the vision of the handsome young fellow intervening between himself and the girl.

From day to day it could plainly be seen how the rides in the pure mountain air and the delight of the girl's companionship were bringing back strength and vigor to the officer's tropic-weakened body. Soon a healthy red appeared under the tan of his cheeks. The lines of severity and repressed grief began to smooth away.

On the morning of the seventh day, when he rode over to join Marie for a ride out to the butte on Wolf river, ten years seemed to have dropped from him. Even when he lifted his hat to the girl and exposed the silvered hair at his temples, he looked nearer twenty-five than thirty. He had shaved off his bristly mustache.

"Positively, captain," she bantered, "you startle me. You are growing so young! First thing I know, I shall be feeling myself a grandmother in contrast."

"Impossible," he gallantly replied. "You are the Spirit of Youth. Being with you is what makes me seem so much younger than I am. Yet I shall never see thirty-two again."

"You're barely of age this morning!" she said, smiling at his shapely clean-shaven lip.

"In that case you must humor my enowiness by pretending you need my aid to mount."

She put one small-booted foot in his hand, rose with the lightness of a feather and perched herself sideways on her man's saddle. Unused to such strange behavior, the pony began to buck. Hardy sprang to seize the beast by the head. Marie waved him aside, and proceeded to give an impromptu exhibition of her skill as a horsewoman. With one knee crooked under the horn of her saddle, she kept her difficult seat like a circus rider, until the pony subsided.

"You're ridden to haunts," stated Hardy as the girl swung astride and they started off down the valley.

She smiled with gratification. "Reggie never notices such things; but you—The first time I saw a side-saddle I thought it ridiculous."

On their way down the valley they met no one, for the families of the police had moved back to their old camp site opposite the agency. Marie suggested that they climb the butte. With subtle coquetry, she gave Hardy the privilege of assisting her up the ledges, though, had she chosen, she could have outclimbed him. They mounted to the top of the highest crag, where they sat down on the bare rock to view the plains and mountains through Hardy's glasses. The utter stillness and solitude, the immensity of the cloudless blue dome above them, the great sweep of the landscape—all tended to quiet the excitement of their lively ascent. A hush fell upon them. Marie let the hand that held the glasses sink into her lap. She gazed off up the river, dreamy-eyed.

After a prolonged silence, Hardy murmured in a half-whisper: "How alone we are! The world is young—it is the beginning of time. And in all the new, young world, you and I are alone—Marie."

It was the first time that he had ever used her given name in speaking to her. She started from her daydream, the color deepening in her cheeks. In the same moment she became aware that she had been looking at a moving object.

"Look!" she said, lifting the glasses to her eyes. "That must be the head and shoulders of a man. He is riding along on the far side of the ridge—an Indian; his head is muffled in a blanket."

"Marie!" softly repeated Hardy. The girl sprang to her feet. "He has disappeared—but we are no longer alone in the world, Captain Hardy. Let us go down."

With instant repression of his disappointment, Hardy took the glasses and offered his hand to assist her down the first ledge. She ignored the offer. Nor did she permit him to help her at all during the descent.

Her pony leaped away with the usual jumping start of a bronco. The mare stepped clear of the low scrub near the ridge edge, out upon the sandy level of the coulee bottom. She was in the act of breaking into a trot when her rider's hat whirled from his head and he pitched sideways out of the saddle as if struck by lightning.

A moment later the report of the shot reached Marie. She glanced over her shoulder and saw Hardy outstretched on the ground, sacred and inert. With a suddenness that almost threw her pony off his nimble feet, she leaped within two strides, and twisted about to look at her fallen rider.

"The shooter is which he had shot at?" she asked, her face pale. "He shot at me!" she declared. "I'm sure he was aiming at me!"

"Marie!" He murmured. "It is you!"

ing your sympathy on false pretenses. I feel my strength coming back. It must be that the bullet merely grazed my head."

Before she could prevent him, he twisted about and raised himself on his elbow.

"Oh," she remonstrated. "You should not move."

He forced a laugh between his clenched teeth.

"No, it's what I thought—only a scratch. All right now, except for a little dizziness, I have been imposing on your sympathy—Did you see where the shot came from? I must go and root out the rascal."

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Hardy turned his mare down the coulee. Marie, despite his protests, rode between him and the ridge behind which she had seen the blanketed man.

## CHAPTER IX.

### The Coquette.

Unable to endure the jar of a trot or gallop, Hardy urged the mare to her fastest walk. They had gone less than a mile when a horseman came loping up the slope from Sioux creek.

"It is Mr. Vandervyn," said Hardy in an even tone.

"Yes," he replied. She handed back the glasses, but did not look at him until Vandervyn rode up.

The young man's face was flushed, as if he had been drinking. When he pulled up before them, he was seemingly so struck with Hardy's appearance that he scarcely heeded Marie's joyful greeting.

"What's the matter, captain?" he exclaimed. "You're as white as a ghost—and your head tied up! You must have come a nasty cropper."

"Hit of an accident. Not serious," replied Hardy.

"It could not well have been closer," said Marie. "Captain Hardy has been shot."

"Shot?" cried Vandervyn.

"The bullet grazed the bone above the temple. Had it been half an inch lower or farther back, it must have killed him."

"Half an inch!" repeated Vandervyn. His face crimsoned, and the veins of his forehead began to swell. "Where is the fellow? Did he get away? How long was it? Loan me the mare, Hardy. I'll run him down."

"Very good of you to offer," said Hardy. "But the rascal might ambush you. We'll order out a squad of police. Besides, I wish your report on your trip. I presume Redbear is at the agency."

"No," Vandervyn turned a scowling face towards the butte, as if angrily eager to be off in pursuit of the would-be assassin. "Charlie went back to Thunderbolt's camp to see if his sister was getting along all right with the old chief. I told him that if he was welcomed, he had better stay a few days. If he and the girl make themselves agreeable, we shall have a better chance to quiet the tribe."

"You found conditions still unfavorable?"

"Yes. All the chiefs took a violent dislike to you; and they had stirred up the whole tribe. Charlie and I talked and talked. You know a white man can talk Indians into anything, if he keeps at it."

"What result?" snapped Hardy.

Vandervyn shrugged. "I know we made some impression, especially on old Thunderbolt. The chiefs no doubt would be willing to let you visit the camps on safe conduct, so to speak; but I doubt if they could keep the wilder of the young bucks in hand. This shooting proves it. I tell you, captain, none of us here would think any less of you if you cut the whole business."

"I shall start for the mountains tomorrow," Hardy renounced. "Your wound—you must wait at least until it has begun to heal. And in the meantime Redbear and Olina will be talking Ti-owa-konza and his camp into a milder mood."

"That last is a most excellent argument," said Hardy, and his army-compressed lips curved in a smile at the girl. "I shall take your advice, Miss Dupont."

Vandervyn had frowned over the concern in Marie's voice. Hardy's response started the veins of his forehead swelling. He looked off away from the two, and remarked in a casual voice: "I'll ride in ahead and order out a squad of policemen to track down the scoundrel. Jake can later, if I'm unable to make them understand."

"Good!" said Hardy.

Vandervyn shot at Marie a glance of jealous anger, and put spurs to his pony. But when they reached the valley and saw through the glasses the squad of police only just leaving the agency, Marie conjectured that the faded pinto had slowed to a walk while going up the valley.

At last Marie and Hardy reached the agency. With the assistance of Vandervyn, who came out of the Dupont house to meet them, he was helped down from his mare to a cot in the shady porch. Here in the open air Marie washed the wound and took several stitches to draw the edges together.

During the operation, which Hardy endured without a groan, Vandervyn stood by, watching Marie's face with jealous jealousy. The moment she had rebanded the wound, he suggested that it would be well to leave Hardy quiet. In reply she asked him to go for ice. When he returned, he found her sitting beside the cot, fan in hand. Hardy had fallen asleep. She rose and went into the house, and Vandervyn followed her.

The young man made no attempt to conceal his anger. He closed the parlor door and turned upon her accusingly. "So that's what you've been up to all the time I've been away?"

"Up to what, pray?"

"Coquetry with that old fossil of a tin soldier."

"Am I not a dutiful daughter?" the girl pouted. "Men pore said I must marry against my will to the agent."

"Who said that?"

"Why not go and ask him, if you don't want to ask me?"

"I don't. That's just it—damn it all!"

The girl's eyes flashed with resentment, but her voice was sweetly mocking: "Oh, Mr. Vandervyn, how can you? Captain Hardy never sows once during all our delightful rides."

"You've been riding with him every day?"

"All except once. I've been sorry ever since that I missed that one. He was invariably courteous. He is a gentleman."

"You infer that I am not?" exclaimed Vandervyn. "So he's courteous and smooth and sleek, is he? One might think that you've been raised in the backwoods."

"You forget I spent four years at the capital of Canada."

"In a convent! No wonder you've let him play you."

The girl met the jeer with a tantalizing smile.

"It has been a most amusing game. He treats me with as much respect as if I were a young lady of his own set."

"There's no one else here for him to flirt with."

"That is an advantage, is it not?" The girl dropped into her English manner. "I dare say he will forget me as soon as he gets back to civilization—unless I decide to accept his proposal."

Vandervyn stared at her cynically. "You needn't try to rig me, Marie."

She smiled. "So you do doubt what I say. Yet it is true, Captain Hardy did me the honor of declaring that he wished to marry me."

"Hardy asked you?"—he, a captain in the regular army?

"And I—a quarterbreed, the daughter of my father. Amazing, is it not?"

"Vandervyn caught himself up as he saw the proud humility of her expression. It was a new look to him. He had often seen her proud, but never humble. His jealousy faded. "How did you answer him? You didn't accept, you refused the old board-buck?"

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"Does he intend to quit?"

"If you turn him down, he'll leave just as soon as he finds the tribe still against him. Then—don't you see, sweetheart?—I shall get the appointment as agent. Your father and I can rip into the little old mine as fast as we please. It's a real mine, sweetheart. In a few months we'll have enough ore shipped to the smelter for me to cut loose from my uncle and do as I please. You know what that means."

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"Yet if I should be attacked?" said Hardy.

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### To Clean White Paint.

To clean white paint that has not been varnished put upon a plate some of the best whiting; have ready some clean, warm water and a piece of flannel. Dip into the water and squeeze nearly dry; then take as much whiting as will adhere to it, apply to the paint, when a little rubbing will instantly remove any dirt or grime. Wash off well with water and rub dry with a soft cloth. Paint thus cleaned looks equal to new and without doing the least injury to the most delicate color. It will preserve the paint much longer than if cleaned with soap and it does not require more than half the time usually occupied in cleaning.

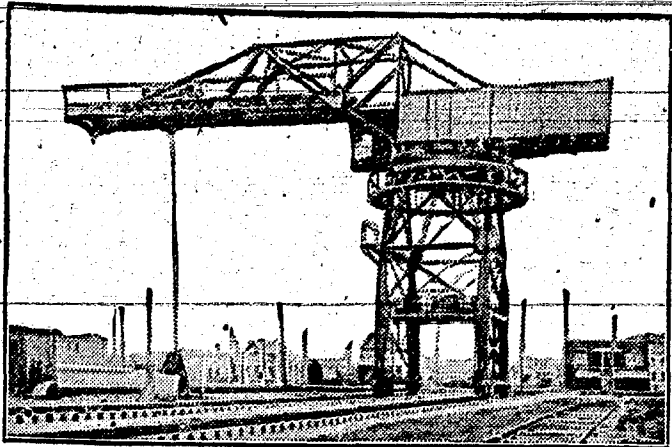
A pear tree on the farm of J. H. Engle of Shoemakersville, Pa., one hundred and sixty-three years old, is bearing fruit.

A tiny electric lamp is mounted on the handle of a safety razor of English invention.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" To get the genuine, call for full name "BROMO QUININE" and look for signature of Dr. W. D. Hoag. Beware of cheap imitations.

Topeka, Kansas, has a Female Laundry Workers' union.

# BIG UNLOADING CRANE USED IN STORAGE YARD



For handling large quantities of coal, stone, sand, and similar materials in its storage yard, a western railway has erected a giant crane that operates along a 1,000-foot track. As an indication of the size of the great machine, the cantilever truss measures 82½ feet from its outer edge to the center of rotation. This distance corresponds to the radius of the circle that the crane is capable of describing when in use. The rails on which the machine is mounted are 16 feet apart and imbedded in heavy concrete. Electric power is employed for operating purposes, and every movement of the machine is under the ready control of one man. The "clamshell" will hold about five tons of sand.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

## STOPS THE SMOKE

Engines Using Pulverized Coal Abate Nuisance.

Device Thoroughly Tested in Active Service by Leading Railroad, and Shows Marked Saving in Fuel Consumption.

In spite of ordinances designed to reduce the great tonnage of soot that descends annually upon our cities, few manufacturing municipalities can yet claim to have secured marked relief from the "smoke nuisance." But relief is apparently in sight, and from a totally unexpected source. We refer to the successful development of the process of burning powdered coal for generating steam in locomotive and other boilers. Engineering and Contracting says:

Pulverized till 85 per cent of it passes a screen having 200 meshes to the inch, "soft coal" gives an almost smokeless flame when blown into a fire box with air. The quantity of air is automatically regulated by the quantity of powdered coal, so that careless firing, such as is now inevitable with hand stoking, can not occur.

Between Chicago and Milwaukee, a railroad placed in service, a year ago, a passenger locomotive equipped for burning pulverized coal. It has been thoroughly tested in active service, and has demonstrated a marked saving in fuel. According to tests published in the Railway Age Gazette, this locomotive evaporated 13 per cent more water per pound of coal and consumed 18 per cent less coal on the runs between Chicago and Milwaukee than was required with a similar locomotive fired with lump coal in the ordinary manner. Moreover, a much cheaper grade of coal was used on the locomotive burning pulverized coal.

In firing up the cold locomotive only 750 pounds of powdered coal were required, as against 1,700 pounds of lump coal. But an even greater point in favor of powdered coal is the ability to shut off the fire entirely while standing still. Thus the fire can be instantly shut off for about half an hour, yet in five minutes after it is started again the boiler is up to full pressure. This saving in fuel while standing idle makes powdered coal particularly desirable for switching locomotives.

The switching engines in the freight yards of cities and the engines that are getting up steam or standing with hauled fire, cause a very large part of the "smoke nuisance" which has been so greatly deplored in all large cities. It would seem now that, as far as locomotives are concerned, this nuisance need no longer be tolerated. We go further and predict that all large steam power plants in cities will eventually use powdered coal, not only because it will prove to be more economical, but because a smokeless city can be secured in this way.

### Bringing Sunken Ships to Surface.

The new method of raising sunken ships developed by Dr. S. P. Portella of Rio de Janeiro is claimed to be effective at any depth divers can reach. A specially designed tent is provided with various folded floats of water-proof material, and these are attached by divers to different parts of the interior and exterior of the sunken vessel. As air is forced through hose connected to the tender, the floats expand into spheres, cylinders and other forms thought to be best adapted to their places. Their buoyancy gradually increases as they displace water in and about the wreck, and when it becomes sufficient they float the load to the surface.

### Now the Paper Spoon.

Under the title, "sanitary spoon," a New York inventor has just taken out a patent for a spoon made of stiffened paper which will doubtless meet with demand from ice cream saloons, soda fountains and similar places. As it is full size it is more convenient than the miniature tin spoon now in vogue at most pleasure resorts. It will also be much cheaper to manufacture. The paper spoon has a blank for the bowl, which is pressed to the proper concave shape, while the paper above it is rolled to give the requisite stiffness to the handle.

"Some women are willing to make a husband at home and do the cooking."

"Henrietta!" replied Mr. Meekton, "I don't trust you with anything important."

"How do you like this motion picture?"

"But I don't see why she wants to for nothing."

## RAIL SCHOOLS IN RUSSIA

Immense Sums Appropriated to Train Both Technical and Administrative Officials.

The Russian minister of ways of communication has just approved a project for railroad technical education, involving an initial expenditure of 25,000,000 rubles. This is the largest railroad education project that has ever been undertaken by any country in the world.

The unprecedented rapidity with which new railroads are being constructed throughout Russia and Siberia has resulted in a marked shortage of railway engineers and technicians, and an equally great number in the administrative and commercial lines.

Moreover, railroad building plans for the future contemplate the formation of a network of lines, extending in every direction throughout the empire. Russia has perceived the advantage of rapid transportation as a primary means to commercial prosperity.

The Moscow Institute of Railroad Engineers and the Petrograd Institute of Railroad Engineers are co-operating with the minister of ways of communication in the organization of this stupendous plan. The two institutes are to be considerably enlarged. The Moscow Institute, as the commercial and railroad center of Russia, will expand the sum of 5,000,000 rubles on new buildings and extension of equipment. The Petrograd Institute, of importance because of its relation to government questions, will expend the sum of 1,000,000 rubles to the same end.

Railroad engineering institutes are to be established in the principal cities of the empire, especially in the South. It is hoped that Odessa, Kiev and Kharkov will be among the first.

The project also includes the training of all classes of subordinates in railroad work. Twenty secondary railroad schools are to be organized immediately, as well as 40 lower railroad schools for the training of railroad mechanics.

### NOT NOW AS IT USED TO BE

Forty Millions to Be Spent for New Depot for Road That Paid Small Salaries.

Americans are so used to swallowing great sums of money at a gulp that no amount daunts them. Here is the Pennsylvania railroad planning to spend \$40,000,000 to get into Detroit, Grand writes in the Philadelphia Ledger.

Do any stockholders object or talk about depositing Pension Rea for extravagance? Not a murmur. But once they were otherwise.

William C. Patterson, who was the second president of the Pennsylvania railroad, lost his position because he paid \$200,000 for the Povelton tract in West Philadelphia, which was needed for a station and other purposes. The land is now worth many times that, but stockholders yelled "profligate" and started a campaign to elect J. Edgar Thomson president.

Thomson won, and a telling argument made in his favor was that he would combine the office of chief engineer with that of president, and thus save the former's salary of \$5,000. That was the wages paid to the man who had surveyed the route for the Pennsylvania across the Allegheny mountains!

### Makes Quicker Stop.

New airbrakes that have been adopted by a large eastern railroad reduce by 600 feet or more the distance in which a heavy train running at 60 miles an hour can be stopped.

### Life of Freight Cars.

There are two and a half millions of freight cars in the country; and their average life is somewhere about twenty years.

### Electrification.

Electrification of steam railroads in the United States last year brought the total of such equipment up to about 2,500 miles.

### The Thrust Feminine.

"I have a killing dress of electric blue."

"Yes, I should think, with your complexion, the shock would be fatal."

### Playing Safe.

"Whom are you cheering for?"

"I don't know yet," replied the man with his ear to the ground. "I'm observing the election to see how it works out and I'll announce my opinions tonight."

### Good Idea.

"I have a commission to depict the patron god of thrift. How would you represent him?"

"After one of these Buddhist deities, a four-headed."—Louisville Courier Journal

# CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

## SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN FAR OFF NORTHLAND.

### ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME

Resume of the Most Important Events in Sweden, Norway and Denmark—Of Interest to the Scandinavians in America.

In the interest of co-operation among the Scandinavian nations all ready three general meetings have taken place; one in Sweden—the first—the second in Denmark and the third in Christiania. There will be others as occasion demands. But as to what transpired no one is certain, despite the official communiques handed out after each. Norway, Sweden and Denmark have agreed, it is certain now: To act together on all questions affecting their neutrality; to take joint steps regarding blacklists by belligerent powers; to inquire jointly into commercial espionage, or acts whereby foreign countries come into possession of trade secrets of the three Scandinavian countries; to establish a working basis for commercial co-operation after the war; to reach an agreement concerning Scandinavian shipping, the effects of the allied blockade and of German U-boats; to agree on steps necessary to maintain their neutrality. This much the three countries are known to have discussed, but it is generally believed that they even became to all intents and purposes allies for purposes of future defense.

### SWEDEN.

That Sweden must at best wait some five years before complete enfranchisement of its women, but that the goal will ultimately be reached not only there but in other "backward" countries, is the firm conviction of the National Swedish Woman's Suffrage association, which has just concluded its annual convention. There are now nearly 17,000 women enrolled in the association and some 200 branch organizations. Particularly gratifying to the leaders was the report of a growth of interest among the country's clergy, men, as well as among men generally. Men's associations for woman suffrage were formed during the year at Christianstad and Malmo, and some of the best-known Swedish men are beginning to interest themselves actively in the movement. Most of this progress is the work of only 14 years, although efforts to improve the position of women generally were begun at an early period. Sweden standing in the front rank of European countries in this respect. It was not until 1902, however, that a definite organized movement to secure votes for women was begun. The impetus for this was given by a man, Burmester C. A. Lindgren of Stockholm. Burmester, Lindgren, who was also a member of the second chamber of the riksdag, presented a woman suffrage bill in the lower house. It was defeated by 111 to 61. The first notable victory was in 1906, when both chambers of the riksdag decided to petition the government to investigate the subject of woman suffrage. Premier Stenström presented a woman suffrage bill in 1912 as a government bill, and it was supported by the constitutional committee of the riksdag. The upper chamber defeated it, 80 to 58, but the lower chamber gave 140 votes for to 60 against. Miss Signe Bergman, president of the National Woman Suffrage association, believes that the world war will have a great influence toward equal suffrage rights. "Ever since the woman suffrage movement started," she said, "one of the chief arguments against it has been the assertion that women were incapable of defending their country. But in all the belligerent countries we see the women doing war work which is hardly if at all less important than the actual fighting. It is not conceivable that the war could have been carried on so long without woman's help, and it is difficult to see how the opponents of woman suffrage can refute the logic of this fact."

### DENMARK.

The Maringer fjord is rich in clams, which so far have not been utilized to any considerable extent. Now a young Dane has induced some Norwegian fishers to assist him in bringing this food to market. Five boats will be engaged in scraping up the clams and carrying them to a cannery which will soon be ready for business. The enterprise is backed by a capital of \$40,000.

A public speaker was explaining the new employers' insurance law at Grenaa. To illustrate how strict the law is, he said, "Why, you even have to insure your washwoman." Then a man in the audience shouted: "Is it also required to insure midwives?" The speaker was ready for his heckler: "Yes, midwives must be insured if they are employed regularly."

If the plebiscite on sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States on December 14 results in a majority in favor of the retention of the islands, the government will resign, Peter Munch, minister of defense, stated at a public meeting.

The crown prince of Denmark has composed a piece of music which has been called "The Dream." It was formally dedicated to his mother, Queen Alexandra.

Danish postbags in the mail car of a train traveling through Holsten were found to be overflowing with greasy matter. They had been lying near the radiator. The grease was melted butter; small parts of butter, sufficient for perhaps a couple of sandwiches, were being sent to people in Germany in letters at full postal rates.

### Rather Mixed.

"Did you vote wet or dry?"

"I was going to vote wet, but my wife threw cold water on my purpose, so I voted dry."

### A Rugged American.

"A belted calf once proposed to this helpless on banded knee."

"Fancy that! I presume her family was pleased?"

"Her mother was delighted, but her father expressed a savage wish to belt the calf himself."—Birmingham Age Herald.

### Still Cling to Claterns.

There still are in use in New Orleans about four thousand claterns, according to reports to the sewerage and water board.

# WEDNESDAY

The ship on which Capt. Roud Amundsen will sail to the North pole will be launched at Christiania in March. It will be of 800 tons, a three-masted schooner equipped with an auxiliary oil motor of 240 horse-power. It will carry a crew of ten men, two of whom will be Americans, the rest Norwegians. Two were with Captain Amundsen in the northwest passage and at the South pole. They are Helmer Hansen and Adolf Lindstrom, the captain's old cook. "By heading into the ice several hundred miles east of where Nansen began his drift," said Captain Amundsen at the Chicago club a few days ago, "I believe I will have a stronger northward current and will be carried close to the pole. Nansen went into the pack too far west. He drifted to 85 degrees and then made his famous dash to 88 degrees, 14 minutes, which was the highest north then. By starting my drift further east and at about 72 degrees north latitude, I believe I will reach 88 degrees at least, and possibly 89. If I achieve the former latitude, I will be within 120 miles of the pole. I expect to reach 88 degrees after a drift of a year and a half or two years. In that time I will have drifted half across the polar pack, which is 1,800 to 2,000 miles wide. From my highest point north, I will set sail in my airplanes for the pole. I should make the air voyage from the ship to the pole in an hour or so. The flight would be impossible in the darkness of the arctic winter. I should like to make it around June 21, when the sun is farthest north and the polar region is bathed in constant day. I hope to remain 24 hours at the pole. Only myself and my aviator, who will be an American, will make the flight to the pole. I expect my drifting voyage across the polar basin to occupy three years. I will take along a thorough scientific equipment. I expect to bring back much valuable data regarding prevailing winds, air currents, air temperatures, sea currents, sea temperatures, salinity of arctic water and so on. I will make frequent airplane flights. Rising to a height of 2,000 or 3,000 feet, I shall be able to survey the region within a radius of 100 miles or more. I expect to see Crockerland, which Peary discovered far to the west of his march to the pole, and which Donald MacMillan failed to find. Despite MacMillan's failure, I believe the land is there. Peary, I think, saw a mirage of it. It probably lies further to the west than Peary thought. The drift of the polar pack is less than two miles a day. Belies from the Jemmett, positively identified, washed ashore on the south coast of Greenland three years after the wreck of De Long's vessel." Captain Amundsen's new ship, he says, will cost \$100,000. It will be of stout oak timbers, with slides three feet thick—and heavier about bows and stern. At the mouth of the Yenisei river in Siberia he will take on 25 dogs, a new supply of oil, fresh meat, guns, butter and potatoes from the farmlands about Krasnoyarsk. His vessel and his sledges will be equipped with wireless telegraphy, so exploring parties may keep in touch with the ship. The Aero Club of America will supply the airplane and the aviator, Captain Amundsen sailed through the northwest passage on the Glena, a ship of 47 tons, with a crew of seven men in 1906. He discovered the North pole December 14, 1911, after a thrilling race against Capt. Robert Scott. The gallant Englishman arrived at the pole January 17, 1912, found Amundsen's victorious flag planted there, and, heartbroken, turned back for the sea. With his provisions exhausted, he perished in a blizzard only a day's journey from his ship.

# HIGH COST OF LIVING

This is a serious matter with housekeepers as food prices are constantly going up. To overcome this, cut out the high priced meat dishes and serve your family more Skinner's Macaroni and Spaghetti, the cheapest, most delicious and most nutritious of all foods. Write the Skinner Mfg. Co., Omaha, Neb., for beautiful cookbook, telling how to prepare it in a hundred different ways. It's free to every woman.—Adv.

# Power of Observation.

Even in the pursuit of other studies the power of observation is of paramount importance. Watch a class of children in a school and see how some seem positively incapable of seeing or hearing; they will strain every nerve to copy the exercises on the blackboard, and yet there will be mistakes; they will listen to an explanation and yet when it comes to a repetition it seems as though the sound of the words had never gone further than the outer ear; in fact, they cannot study because they have never learned to take the first step in that direction through training of the senses. All knowledge, you know, comes through the senses, and the more widely open we throw these doors the more knowledge we may hope to have come streaming in to enlighten the mind.

# Higher Education.

Mrs. Brown called at the home of Mrs. Jones to talk over the fashions and things, and somewhere about the sixty-fifth lap of the conversation the caller referred to the young daughter of the host. "By the way," dear," remarked Mrs. Brown, inquisitively, "where is Minnie? I haven't seen her for an age." "Minnie is at college," proudly responded the fond mother, and then added: "And I am so worried about her. I haven't had a letter for nearly two weeks." "There is where you make a mistake," was the prompt rejoinder of Mrs. Brown. "Instead of letting her go to college why don't you send her to one of those correspondence schools?"

# SWAMP-ROOT STOPS SERIOUS BACKACHE

When your back aches, and your bladder and kidneys seem to be disordered, remember it is needless to suffer—go to your nearest drug store and get a bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. It is a physician's prescription for diseases of the kidneys and bladder. It has stood the test of years and has a reputation for quickly and effectively giving results in thousands of cases. This prescription was used by Dr. Kilmer in his private practice and was so very effective that it has been placed on sale everywhere. Get a bottle, 50c and \$1.00, at your nearest drugstore. However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv.

# The Shoe Pinched.

A preacher at the close of one of his sermons said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Every man, woman and child, with an exception, rose to their feet. "Now, every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception, a quavering, timorous-looking individual, clothed in his last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "you are the only man not able to meet his obligations?"

"I fill a newspaper," he answered meekly, "and the brethren here who stood up are my subscribers, and—"

"Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.

# The Old Yellow Pumpkin.

How dear to my heart is the old yellow pumpkin, when oranges are barren of stuffing for pies; when peaches and apples have both been a failure, and berries no longer dazzle my eyes. Then fondly I turn to the fruit of the cornfield—the fruit-county lads are taught to despise—the old yellow pumpkin, the mud-covered pumpkin, the pot-bellied pumpkin, that makes such good pies.

# Women are employed as brakemen on passenger trains in England.

Hamilton, O., has celebrated its one hundred and twenty-fifth birthday.

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# Nature in Line.

"Daughter, do you think you really need all that red on your cheeks? Aren't nature's ways the best?"

"They suit me, dad. Ever see anything redder than the leaves on your der tree?"

# Then the Row Started.

"Casey is the pertickler friend, Opa have ye know."

"Gwan! If he was pertickler, he wouldn't be yer friend."

Spain has erected a new wireless station at Cape Juby, on the Atlantic coast of Africa.

# Women Know

that they cannot



## Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Christmas candies, 10 to 20 cents per pound, at Holliday's Bazaar.

Lieut. Hardin Sweeney left Saturday to spend a few days with friends in Bay City.

Mrs. Lake of Lewiston is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William North.

Lowell Fox and wife returned to Grayling today from Florida, where they had been for the past year.

Headquarters for Xmas candies and nuts. Biggest assortment of pure candy in town. Coffee & Tea Store.

Raaf Bros. showed at the Temple theatre the last three nights of last week, and were quite well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcomb McLeod of Riverview left Tuesday for Lansing, where they intend to spend the winter.

DeVere Burgess and family left Tuesday afternoon for Lansing to spend the holidays visiting his parents, who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Campbell arrived here today from Mt. Pleasant, to spend the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson.

You will all want a good cup of coffee for Xmas. Most people already know where to come and get it. They come to the Coffee & Tea Store, the little store around the corner.

The fifth annual New Year's party of the Loyal Order of Moose will be held at the usual time—January 1st. The committees are busy preparing for the occasion, and promise a nice party.

The dancing class at the Danish gymnasium next week will be changed from Monday night to Tuesday night at the usual hour. This is necessary because Christmas comes on Monday.

Those who care to take their Christmas dinner away from the family hearth will find a fine Christmas dinner consisting of turkey and all the good things that go with such a repast, at Shoppesagon's Inn.

About sixty people attended the Grayling Social club party last week Thursday night. The regular program of a six o'clock dinner, cards and dancing was followed out and as usual everybody had a good time.

Barber Olson is putting in a shoe repair shop in the store building recently vacated by Mrs. Crowley's millinery store. He says that everything will be done by machinery and that work will be done while we wait, and that the plant will be complete in every detail.

Among those who are attending educational institutions and colleges from out of the city, the following have already arrived to enjoy the holiday vacation: Misses Clara Nelson and Leora Ellsworth, Ypsilanti Normal; Helen Bingham, Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, Virginia.

A fire in the home of Mrs. J. H. Fleming at Alma Tuesday spread so rapidly that its occupants had narrow escapes with their lives. Mrs. Fleming, her young son and several teachers were in the house. Two of the latter were injured slightly. Mrs. Fleming is the widow of the late Rev. Fleming, formerly of Grayling.

Arthur McIntyre and Tony Nelson have but out the Fischer vulcanizing shop. Mr. McIntyre will leave soon for Akron, Ohio, where he will take a full course in tire repairing. They expect to be open for business about March 1st. Both these young men are hustlers and we have no doubt but that they will give their customers service and courteous treatment.

Theodore Leslie of the 31st Michigan Infantry, now stationed at Camp Cotton, El Paso, Texas, arrived here Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Leslie secured a 30 day furlough, and came to spend the holidays with his wife, who has been making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Christofferson at Beaver Creek. Mrs. Leslie, before her marriage, was Miss Ingeborg Christofferson.

Right in the midst of the busy season, in spite of the rush, measures for new suits are arriving daily—no fit, no pay! The fact of the extraordinary fit the customer receives, means always an added customer to our list. There will be four or five new sample books from Chicago soon. Come in and see the samples and leave your order. Strangers are always specially invited to come to this store at all times.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillette moved into their fine new home on Chestnut street Tuesday. The finishers have not quite finished the downstairs decorating but as Mr. and Mrs. Gillette were obliged to vacate the house they were occupying, they found it necessary to move in a little early. This is one of the new, modern homes built here this season, and has many features and conveniences, that add greatly to its comfort and beauty.

The K. of P. lodge have secured "Rejuvenation," a three act comedy, which will be presented at the Temple theatre on Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, 1917, by the Lyceum Players, starring Clara Vaughan Wales. She has appeared on lyceum and chautauqua courses in forty different states, and with her are a thoroughly professional cast. The play is well written and is very cleverly acted. "Rejuvenation" has been called the "Play of the Hour" and Clara Vaughan Wales takes the lead part. Don't forget the time. Further particulars next week.

Today is the shortest day of the year.

Don't fail to read my Xmas ad. Frank Dreese.

A. J. McInnis of Detroit spent Sunday with his wife here.

Christmas candies, 10 to 20 cents per pound, at Holliday's Bazaar.

If foodstuffs keep on soaring we will soon be calling it the high cost of starving.

The butchers of Europe keep right on butchering regardless of the number of squeals.

Stop joking about the price of leather. It's a distressingly serious matter in frosty weather.

If the newspapers of the country boosted their prices in proportion to the advance in other lines, wouldn't there be one mighty howl of protest?

You will find a big stock of Sterling silver at Hathaway's.

The annual K. of P. ball will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 7, in the high school gymnasium.

Floyd McClain has accepted a position at the M. C. yard office, commencing his duties Monday morning.

Wm. Hammond returned home this morning from Canada, where he attended the funeral of a brother.

If prices continue to advance it will soon be cheaper to ride in an automobile than to wear out shoe leather.

Christmas services will be held at St. Mary's church Christmas day, one mass at six o'clock and one at nine o'clock.

The first cold spell of the season came Thursday night when the thermometer registered ten degrees below zero.

After all a year's subscription of the Avalanche makes about as appreciative a Christmas gift as one could give for.

Misses Florence and Ruby Stephens, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Stephens, are in Troy, Ohio, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Ervin Hodge of Detroit came Monday to visit her parents and friends over the holidays. Mr. Hodge will arrive later.

See the "Battle Cry of Peace" at the Opera house, Christmas night, Dec. 25th. One of the most wonderful photo plays ever produced.

The Danish Lutheran Christmas tree will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th at Danebod hall. A Christmas program has been arranged.

Dr. S. N. Insley underwent a slight operation on his throat at Mercy hospital the fore part of the week, and was confined to the hospital for a couple of days. He is able to be out again.

John D. Brown, an ex-soldier, and father of Andrew Brown of Frederic, passed away very suddenly at the home of his son Tuesday of this week. The remains were taken to Exeter for burial.

An investment of only 25 cents in our splendid magazine club offer will give you and your family a monthly income of enjoyment and instruction for a whole year. Let us show you these magazines.

Mrs. Wm. Poborsky and little daughter, Nadine, of Detroit, arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen over the holidays. Mr. Poborsky will arrive Saturday to spend Xmas here.

Because of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of trade conference on Christmas night, the meeting has been postponed to Wednesday night, January 17th. At this time will be held the regular annual meeting and election of officers.

Wm. Manse, who has been on parole from sentence by Judge Sharpe in the Circuit court of this county, had broken his parole and on orders from Judge Sharpe was again placed in jail to await the next term of Circuit court, January 8.

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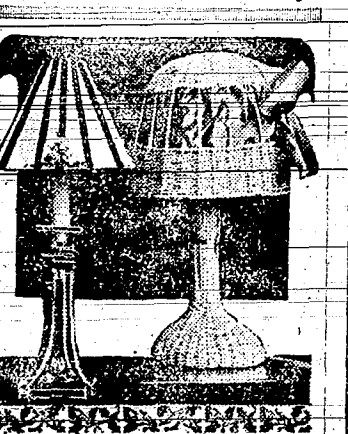
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## Local News

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Lieut. Hardin Sweeney left Saturday to spend a few days with friends in Bay City.

Mrs. Lake of Lewiston is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William North.

Gowell Fox and wife returned to Grayling today from Florida, where they had been for the past year.

Headquarters for Xmas candies and nuts. Biggest assortment of pure candy in town. Coffee & Tea Store.

Rauf Bros. showed at the Temple theatre the last three nights of last week, and were quite well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcomb McLeod of Riverview left Tuesday for Lansing, where they intend to spend the winter.

DeVere Burgess and family left Tuesday afternoon for Lansing to spend the holidays visiting his parents, who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Campbell arrived here today from Mr. Pleasant, to spend the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson.

You will all want a good cup of coffee for Xmas. Most people already know where to come and get it. They come to the Coffee & Tea Store, the little store around the corner.

The fifth annual New Year's party of the Loyal Order of Moose will be held at the usual time—January 1st. The committees are busy preparing for the occasion, and promise a nice party.

The dancing class at the Danish gymnasium next week will be changed from Monday night to Tuesday night at the usual hour. This is necessary because Christmas comes on Monday.

Those who care to take their Christmas dinner away from the family hearth will find a fine Christmas dinner consisting of turkey and all the good things that go with such a repast, at Shuppau's place.

About sixty people attended the Grayling Social club party last week Thursday night. The regular program of a six o'clock dinner, cards and dancing was followed out, and as usual everybody had a good time.

Esbern Olson is putting in a shoe repair shop in the store building recently vacated by Mrs. Crowley's millinery store. He says that everything will be done by machinery and that work will be done while we wait, and that the plant will be complete in every detail.

Among those who are attending educational institutions and colleges from out of the city, the following have already arrived to enjoy the holiday vacation: Misses Clara Nelson and Leora Ellsworth, Ypsilanti Normal; Helen Bingham, Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, Virginia.

A fire in the home of Mrs. J. H. Fleming at Alma Tuesday spread so rapidly that its occupants had narrow escapes with their lives. Mrs. Fleming, her young son and several teachers were in the house. Two of the latter were injured slightly. Mrs. Fleming is the widow of the late Rev. Fleming, formerly of Grayling.

Arthur McIntyre and Tony Nelson have put out the Fischer vulcanizing shop. Mr. McIntyre will leave soon for Akron, Ohio, where he will take a full course in tire repairing. They expect to be open for business about March 1st. Both these young men are hustlers and we have no doubt but that they will give their customers service and courteous treatment.

Theodore Leslie of the 31st Michigan Infantry, now stationed at Camp Cotton, El Paso, Texas, arrived here Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Leslie secured a 30 day furlough, and came to spend the holidays with his wife, who has been making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Christofferson at Beaver Creek. Mrs. Leslie, before her marriage, was Miss Ingeborg Christofferson.

Right in the midst of the busy season, in spite of the rush, measures for new suits are arriving daily—no fit, no pay! The fact of the extraordinary fit the customer receives, means always an added customer to our list. There will be four or five new sample books from Chicago soon. Come in and see the samples and leave your order. Strangers are always specially invited to come to this store at all times.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillette moved into their fine new home on Chestnut street Tuesday. The finishers have not quite finished the downstairs decorating but as Mr. and Mrs. Gillette were obliged to vacate the house they were occupying, they found it necessary to move in a little early. This is one of the new, modern homes built here this season, and has many features and conveniences, that add greatly to its comfort and beauty.

The K. of P. lodge have secured "Rejuvenation," a three-act comedy, which will be presented at the Temple theatre on Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, 1917, by the Lyceum Players, starring Clara Vaughan Wales. She has appeared on lyceum and chautauqua courses in forty different states, and with her is a thoroughly professional cast. The play is well written and is very cleverly acted. "Rejuvenation" has been called the "Play of the Hour" and Clara Vaughan Wales takes the part of a suffragist. Don't forget the date. Further particulars next week.

Today is the shortest day of the year.

Don't fail to read my Xmas ad.

A. J. McInnis of Detroit spent Sunday with his wife here.

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If foodstuffs keep on soaring we will soon be calling it the high cost of starving.

The butchers of Europe keep right on butchering regardless of the number of squeals.

Stop joking about the price of leather. It's a distressingly serious matter in frosty weather.

If the newspapers of the country boosted their prices in proportion to the advance in other lines, wouldn't there be one mighty howl of protest?

You will find a big stock of Sterling silver at Hathaway's.

The annual K. of P. ball will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 7, in the high school gymnasium.

Floyd McClain has accepted a position at the M. C. yard office, commencing his duties Monday morning.

Wm. Hammond returned home this morning from Canada, where he attended the funeral of a brother.

If prices continue to advance it will soon be cheaper to ride in an automobile than to wear out shoe leather.

Christmas services will be held at St. Mary's church Christmas day, one mass at six o'clock and one at nine o'clock.

The first cold spell of the season came Thursday night when the thermometer registered ten degrees below zero.

After all a year's subscription of the Avalanche makes about as appreciative a Christmas gift as one could give for.

Misses Florence and Ruby, Stephan, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Stephan, are in Troy, Ohio, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Ervin Hodge of Detroit came Monday to visit her parents and to look over the holidays. Mr. Hodge will arrive later.

See the "Battle Cry of Peace" at the Opera house, Christmas night, Dec. 25th. One of the most wonderful photo plays ever produced.

The Danish Lutheran Christmas tree will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th at Daneshed hall. A Christmas program has been arranged.

Dr. S. N. Insley underwent a slight operation on his throat at Mercy hospital the fore part of the week. He was confined to the hospital for a couple of days. He is able to be at again.

John D. Brown, an ex-soldier and father of Andrew Brown of Escanaba, passed away very suddenly at the home of his son Tuesday of this week. The remains were taken to Lapeer for burial.

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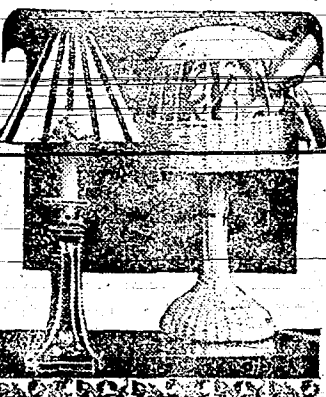
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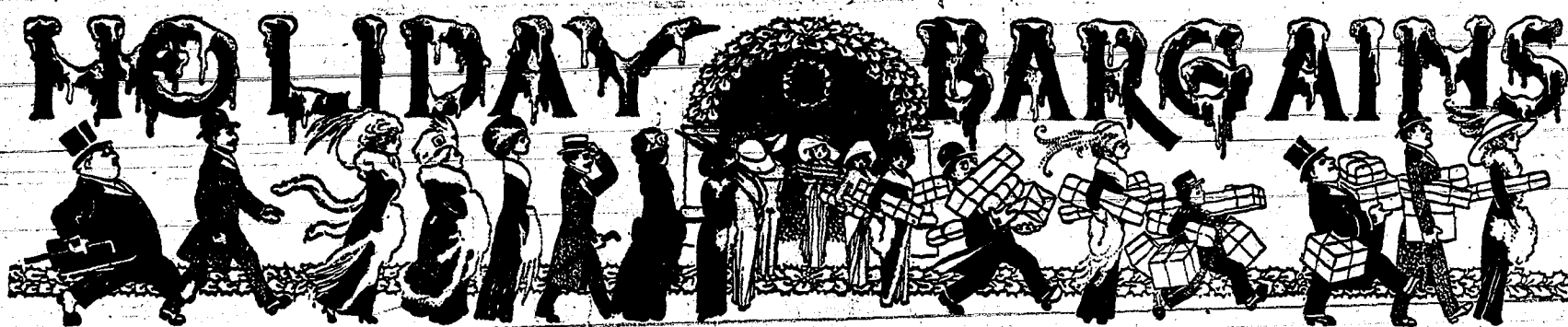
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This is the time of year when everybody gets busy to please the family and children. That's why I missed that big ad—too busy to prepare.

## PREPAREDNESS

Yes, I again entreat you this Xmas to visit my store. In spite of high prices and scarcity of goods I am going to help make this a banner Xmas.

### Handkerchiefs

Ladies' and children's handkerchiefs 3, 5, 8, 10, 15 and 25c; are useful presents for holidays. Notice this attraction a few days before Christmas—the Handkerchief-window exclusive. Also showing a full line of Men's Handkerchiefs.

### Lace Collars

Ladies' Lace Collars and Lace Bonnets at 25, 38 and 50c—elaborate line. Silk headthrows, also a line of wool fascinators, black and white, 35 and 50c, are useful if not ornamental.

### Hosiery

Ladies' cotton and silk hosiery always an acceptable present, especially at this time when prices are soaring higher.



Champaign, black, gray and white at 36c, 50c and \$1.00. Angora knit toques and scarfs to match. Colors—white, green, grays, tans, \$1.00, actually worth \$1.50 at the present writing.

### Ladies' Cloaks

Ladies, as the mid-winter season advances this is the time to get your cloaks. These make a very acceptable present. Consist of plushes, velour, wide skirt effect and beautifully trimmed. Prices from \$8.85 to \$25.00. As the stock is unusually large at this time, I wish to announce I am going to inaugurate a little cut and slash on these garments to make things move a little more rapidly during the holiday season. To the small or extremely large, this is a good time to come in and talk it over during the holidays, and get the benefit of a low price.

A few ladies very attractive suits, in the late shades that I am offering you at a cut price. It would be well for you to examine them.

### Handbags

Beautiful line of ladies' handbags from 98c to \$2.50. The latest designs in leather.

### Towels

Turkish towels, fancy borders, 25c and 50c, useful as well as ornamental. A few pieces of table Damask I wish to close out at a sacrifice.

### Ribbon

Holiday ribbon, 10c per bolt, also extra qualities in holiday ribbon in wrapping boxes, 5 and 10c per yard.

### Ladies' and Gents, Handbags

Ladies' and gents' handbags, blacks and browns, also suit cases. A good line just received to select from. Very useful as a present.

### Party Slippers and Shoes

Beautiful line of party slippers, Hawaiian brown, black and grays; also the white satin slippers. Shoes, latest styles shown. All the late shades in two-tones; high cuts, lace, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$5.85. These shoes were hot early and competition cannot beat me on these prices. Ladies' Felt Slippers.

### Holiday Suspenders

To the men: Nice line of Holiday Suspenders, Ties and Hose supporters in Xmas boxes, making a very acceptable present—25, 35 and 50c.

### Slippers

Holiday slippers in velvet and leather for the men, make a very useful present, prices ranging as last year.

Scarf pins, cuff buttons and links, very pretty designs for 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

### Shoes

No better or complete line shown from Bay City to Grayling than this store shows. Prices that are backed up by quality.

### Overcoats

Black Kersey, Astrian—trimmed, worth \$15.00, for \$11.85.

### Mackinaws and Caps

A few boys' Mackinaws, fancy plaids, \$3.45 and \$3.68. Make a very useful present. Men's and boys' caps, 50c to 75c and \$1.00.

### Men's Ties

Men's ties 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c. Are all values that can hardly be duplicated.

Busy shoppers do not wait until the last moment to purchase your goods. Goods laid away by making a small payment on them.

### Dishes and Toys

China dishes, celery trays, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Beautiful decorated fruit dishes, China cups and saucers, also numerous things consisting of drums, play trunks, teddy bears, China dolls and doll heads and linen A B C blocks.

### Rugs and Aprons

Fancy floor rugs \$1.40 and \$1.98. Fancy muslin aprons, embroidered and lace trimmed.

### To Those Who Have Fur To Sell

I think I am safe in saying I have had the largest shipment that has been sent out of Grayling this year at one time. I will pay you the highest market price for the same from this on. Those having furs to sell for the holidays bring them in and you will receive liberal offers.

### Wash Waists

Ladies' wash waists, voiles, embroidered, lace trimmed, from 75c to \$1.25.



Beautiful line of silk waists just received from New York special for the holidays. Georgette crepe, white, flesh color, lemon, also the late satin stripes, very popular. Sizes are complete. Prices from \$2.69 to \$5.00. Delicate designs and elaborately trimmed.

### Baby Coats

Mothers, here is a chance to make a selection from white corduroy and corded coats for your baby at \$2.45 and \$2.98. For the older children I have a few from the ages of 5 to 14, in velvets, baby lamb, Astrian and basket weaves, light and dark shades, from \$1.98 to \$3.98.

### Notice

Would advise early trading. Articles once sold can not be duplicated in most cases.

### School Notes

Byron W. King, Jan. 10.

Our schools close tomorrow for a vacation of two weeks.

Ruth Shellanbarger has left school and is working in Lansing. Listen to the Christmas bells. Also listen for wedding bells.

The first grade children have just learned "Baby's Stocking."

The Christmas story is the general thought for the first grade this week. Another thought emphasized is "It is the loving and the giving that make a life worth living."

We are indebted to the Avalanche each week for a copy of the "Country Gentleman." It is a very good addition to our reading table.

Our teachers will practically all leave town for the Christmas vacation. They will be distributed almost "from Maumee Bay to Keweenaw" as follows: Miss Wells, Benton Harbor; Miss Loss, Vassar; Miss Martin, Homer; Miss McGregor and Mrs. Burritt, Detroit; Miss McLain, Jonesville; Miss Andrus, Harbor Springs; Miss E. Hall, Ypsilanti; Miss Lockwood, Harrison; Miss Rowe, Sterling; Miss Shier, Wolverine; Miss Ryker, Maple City; the Misses Clark, Ithaca; Miss Campbell, Newberry; Miss Forge, Attica; Mr. Bundgaard, Grant; Mr. Ball, Hillsdale.

We are all to observe Christmas Friday afternoon. The first grade and the sixth grade will each have a tree. The second, third, fourth and fifth grades will combine and have their tree and exercises in the gymnasium. Appropriate programs will be rendered. We are indebted to Mr. Fehr, Mr. Robinson and Tony Nelson for providing the trees.

The first home games of the basketball season were played last Friday evening, Dec. 15. The All-City boys played the High school boys and the All-City girls played the High school girls. The boys' game resulted in a score of 42 to 13 in favor of the High school. In the girls' game the All-City girls won with a score of 8 to 5. Both games were good ones. At the end of the first half in the girls' game the High school was one point ahead, but the last half the All-City scored 4 points and the High school were unable to make a single point.

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I am yours to please,

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